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The Visit of Australia's Premier

Visits of Australian Prime Ministers to Canada have not been very frequent and perhaps for that reason interest in the coming of the brilliant statesman who at present occupies that post is all the stronger. This country was honored by a visit from the first Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Barton,K.C. (afterwards Chief Justice) soon after his elevation to that office in 1901. Canadian interest in the sister dominion was intensified by the patriotic attitude of Rt. Hon. Mr. Hughes during the great war, and his successor, Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce who is now in Canada won international renown very soon after he took office, through his fine qualities of mind and personality. Elsewhere in these columns will be found an account of Mr. Bruce's career from the pen of Mr. Henry M. Thomson, a former resident of British Columbia who during the great war served for a time as Canada's Food Controller. The Australian Prime Minister's success in uniting in political aspiration the agrarian and commercial elements of Australia,—a task which no Canadian statesman of our time has entirely succeeded in accomplishing, makes his career especially interesting.

Mr. Bruce's recent speeches in the United States, which have made it clear that nothing that was done at the recent Imperial Conference which will in the slightest degree alter the fealty of the older Dominions towards the motherland have been most timely. Such addresses help to correct the erroneous conclusions which many American editors have drawn from the Imperial conference and especially from the remarks credited to the Prime Minister of South Africa, Hon. Mr. Hertzog in which he is alleged to have stated that the Empire now exists only in name. We should be sorry to believe that Mr. Hertzog was fool enough to say any such thing, since the loss of British connection would perhaps mean that the South African republic would become a black republic before the end of the present century. But inasmuch as many American editors seem to think that the recent Imperial Conference foreshadowed the dismemberment of the Empire, Hon. Mr. Bruce's speeches in the United States have occurred at the right psychological moment.

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Justice is Delayed But On Her Way

The short shrift given a great deal of important legislation by the sudden ending of Parliament last summer balked for the time being the remedying of a five-year-old injustice. Leaders of all parties had agreed that the automobile dealers of Canada have been scurvily treated by a Government change in the operation of the luxury tax which caused them heavy losses and for which they had received no sort of compensation.

Mr. Jas. R. Dixon of Ottawa has been working tooth and nail for years to have this injustice remedied and he seemed on the point of success when Parliament ended so suddenly. The amount had been included in the estimates, and it was unanimously approved by Parliament, but was killed by dissolution before it could receive the Royal Assent. If real justice is done Parliament will now find itself obliged to add an amount of $70,000, additional interest which it is the right of the automobile dealers to receive because of the additional delay in the restitution of the amounts for which they feel they have such a strong moral claim.

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National Prohibition Idle Dream

From the Calgary "Albertan" we learn that Rev. Ben Spence, managing director of the Canadian Prohibition Bureau, has been holding a post mortem on the Ontario Temperance Act and has sent out to the other provinces of Canada his findings as to the causes of death. Naturally Mr. Spence interprets the widespread reversal of opinion which occurred in Ontario with regard to this legislation after it had been given a lengthy trial, in accordance with his own long established views. He is not going to permit anything that has happened to interfere with them; and perhaps it is not surprising to find him asserting that public dissatisfaction in Ontario was not really with prohibition, but with the conditions which obtained under the combination of laws (federal and provincial) relating to the liquor traffic. He presents a most singular defence of the O. T. A. when he says: "The undesirable conditions were not because of what the O. T. A. did, but because of what went on notwithstanding it." This under analysis is but a euphemistic way of saying that the O. T. A. was all right but for one thing,—it could not be enforced.

Our impression is that Mr. Spence wrote his brochure at the request of his friends among the Anti-Saloon League in the United States, who wanted something to counteract the undoubted influence on moderate opinion in that country of the Ontario verdict,—following swiftly upon rejection of prohibition by four Western provinces which enacted it even before Ontario first tried it in 1916. Surely the following paragraph was intended for U. S. rather than Canadian consumption:

"Canadians want the liquor problem settled. They are seeking a solution and are experimenting with various systems, but they are being driven to the conclusion that so long as liquor is made and sold anywhere in Canada, provincial forms of prohibition cannot be made safe or fully effective anywhere in Canada. The inescapable conclusion which they are being forced to is the enactment of a complete nation-wide prohibitory law similar to the United States of America."

Rev. Ben Spence must be living in dreamland if he imagines that there is any considerable group of Canadians in any province which desires the enactment of such a measure as the Volstead Act. The failure of that extreme measure and the era of lawlessness that it inaugurated are widely known and have been constantly advertised by the leading U. S. prohibitionists themselves. There are few Canadians so ignorant that they do not know what has been proclaimed by half the religious newspapers of the United States, namely that nearly all large American cities are "wet", that drunkenness has been steadily increasing during the past four years, and that contempt for law in many other of its phases, is a widely diffused evil. Many of those who supported the O. T. A. in the days when they thought it worthy of a fair trial, were wont to boast that it was not fanatical or oppressive in the sense that United States enactments were so. The O. T. A. could not conceivably have lasted for the decade and more it has been on the statute books but for the moderating clauses which permitted the sale of native wines of considerable alcoholic content, and doctors' prescriptions of a much more generous character than those permitted across the border. A national plebiscite would not disclose even a twenty per cent. showing for "a complete nation-wide prohibitory law similar to the United States of America."

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Quixotic Programme Outlined

Mr. Spence speaks more specifically to a Canadian audience when he derives from the Ontario result the following conclusions as to future steps:

"1. The need for continued, insistent, persistent, consistent educational temperance propaganda to make public opinion in favor of abstinence and prohibition.

"2. The need to dissociate the prohibition issue from political complications of all kinds so that regardless of party preferences, people may express their opinions, wet or dry, and may actually be self-governing in regard to liquor legislation.

"3. The need for a united campaign throughout the Dominion for a complete national law that will prohibit manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of all kinds of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes anywhere and everywhere in Canada."

As to the first it should be said that there is a clear distinction between abstinence and prohibition, and that true temperance has had a set-back owing to the failure of leaders like Mr. Spence to recognize that distinction. The total abstainer adopts the only form of prohibition which has ever succeeded, the individual resolve based on self-discipline. The prohibitionist on the other hand tries to force his own views and discipline on others. He is so sure of himself that he wishes to regiment the whole world,—all whatever their temperaments or constituents must conform to the restrictions he deems desirable for himself.

The second proposal is fantastic. How can you dissociate from politics laws which can only be enforced through the political machinery of the country, and which affect the habits of every person and every home? The very idea of prohibition is a denial of the right of the individual to govern himself in matters of purely sumptuary indulgence.

The third proposal offers a fruitful field for agitation which will keep the Canadian Prohibition Bureau busy until long after any of its living adherents are dead. Does Mr. Spence really believe that he will ever succeed in forcing the Province of Quebec, for instance, to accept such a law as the Volstead Act, which many saintly clergymen regard not merely as oppression but blasphemy. Such a nation-wide measure as Mr. Spence contemplates and which it should be remembered has never had the support of a majority of the electorate in the United States, could only be put on our statute books after constitutional government as we understand it in Canada had been destroyed. And then Canada would become a bootleggers' paradise!

If the temperance people will come down to realities, recognize that prohibition is inherently futile and unworkable, and teach those temperance precepts which develop and strengthen personal character, instead of agitating for laws which deny personal choice and thus weaken character, they can accomplish much good. So long as they keep up the cry for nation-wide prohibition they are merely tilting at windmills and neglecting a legitimate opportunity.

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Flood From Uncle Sam's Print Shops

An emphatic address of interest to all thinking Canadians was recently delivered before the "Ad Club" of Hamilton, Ont., by Louis Blake Duff, the gifted editor of the Welland "Telegraph", who upholds Canadian institutions in the difficult territory of the Niagara peninsula. Mr. Duff's title was "Alongside Pure Reading Matter", a trade term well known to advertising men and he applied the phrase to a consideration of the kind of "pure" reading matter that the Canadian public is getting under the present unrestricted flood of the cheaper order of United States publications. The people drink from the fountain of the press and he raised the question: How pure is that fountain?

While strolling about Hamilton prior to attending the meeting Mr. Duff went into two newstands and made a survey of the publications offered for sale. In one he found 82 periodicals on the rack, of which 78 were from the United States, four from Canada and none from Great Britain; in the other he found 67 publications displayed, of which 66 came from across the border and the solitary exception was Canadian. According to his statistics, approximately sixty million copies of United States magazines and newspapers deluged Canada in the past year. For every magazine that comes from the presses of Canada in the course of a year we import eight from across the border. "How," asked Mr. Duff, "is the Canadian going to maintain his poise in this paper cyclone from the South?" And in connection therewith quoted a friend of his who had said, "Canada is quietly letting her consciousness peter out, and seems incapable of following a national ideal".

One of the most important phases of the situation was touched on by Mr. Duff. It is not fully understood that the movement for the protection of Canadian publications is not merely selfish. It is for the benefit of Canadian business in every branch. This is what the speaker termed the "butter and eggs" side of the question. Four billion pages of advertising carted from the United States into Canada annually means a colossal volume of propaganda for United States wares. It cannot avoid moulding the mental attitude of Canadians. It helps to foster the false conception that United States goods represent the highest standards of value and perfection. Thus the purse of Canada is being drained while its spirit is being demoralized. In the words of Mr. Duff: "The farm, the factory, the shop, labor, capital—each is paying a price."

If Canada were receiving any cultural benefit from this flood of printed matter it might count as a minor compensating factor. Most experienced Canadian editors agree with Mr. Duff that there is no better journalism to be found anywhere than in certain United States publications but that type of journalism is no more conspicuous among the tons of printed matter that come across the border than on the newstands of American cities. Eighty per cent. of the printed matter Canada imports is of the cheapest, most vulgar and most sensational order. It is not intemperate to term it "swill". In a considerable part of it the matter is as disgusting as the publisher dare print and keep within the law. In another considerable part of it the whole atmosphere is alien, as Mr. Duff says. When British institutions are touched on at all they are distorted and British history is misrepresented. Most of the imported publications increase the evils of illiteracy and ignorance. These then are the type of imports which crowd Canadian and British publications from their place in the sun on the newstands.

"What is the cure?" asked the Welland editor and furnished this answer: "An even chance for the Canadian publisher. Let him off without a handicap. Put a tariff on the foreign publications that is at least equal to the tax they would pay if he published in Canada."

From letters which have been received by SATURDAY NIGHT during recent months it would appear that certain readers, debauched by the ordinary cant of anti-tariff arguments, are imbued with the idea that Canadian publishers seek an unfair advantage over foreign competitors. Nothing of the kind! They seek alleviation from unfair discrimination against themselves. The import magazine and newspaper business is perhaps the only untaxed business of large dimensions which operates in Canada. In addition to the injury it does to Canadian citizenship and to Canadian trade, it contributes nothing to the treasury of Canada, whereas Canadian publishers pay their tax bills like good citizens. It is time that the people of Canada looked at this question not from the standpoint of the publisher's interest but of their own.

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Sporting Suggestion from Natal

From the "Natal Mercury" published at Durban, South Africa, comes a suggestion that closer relations between the Dominions of Canada and South Africa be promoted by an interchange of athletic teams. The author is Michael Terry, the South African athlete, who some Canadian sportsmen met at the last Olympic games in France, where he was trainer of the South African team. At that time Mr. Terry discussed with Mr. James Merrick, President of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association, the question of an exchange of visits of athletic teams between the various Dominions who took a favorable view of the suggestion. Sporting affiliations between Australia and Canada were long ago established through mutual interest in rowing and there is in Australia a town known as Toronto, so named in honor of the great oarsman, Edward Hanlan. Athletic teams representative of various sports have come to us from both Australia and New Zealand since that day, but none so far from South Africa, a land which hundreds of the older generation of Canadians know very well.

Mr. Terry points out through the columns of the "Natal Mercury" that at the Olympic games at Antwerp in 1920 and at Paris in 1924, there was in the aggregate showing, but a point or two of difference between Canada and South Africa, and that in the event of two full teams from these two Dominions meeting, there would be a most interesting struggle for superiority. The "Mercury" suggests an invitation to Canada to send a team to South Africa to be followed by a return visit from which might result a Dominion Championships meeting, to be held, say, biennially in some one of the Dominions.

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Alberta's Vast Power Resources

Some western writers, even beyond the province of Alberta, have again been discussing the recent hydro electric developments proposed in connection with the Spray Lakes project, which means commercializing water power within one of her vast national mountain parks. Arguments for and against are given at length. Some Alberta writers approve of the scheme, and can see no particular harm in thus turning to commercial uses property set apart as a public reserve. On the other hand outside critics, disposed to advise a neighboring province, have no compunction in assuming the opposite view. Much might be said about both angles. But, before anything definite is decided, it might be wise for the federal and Alberta governments to first determine whether such a project is really necessary at the present time, in conjunction with industrial development.

There has been much talk for many years about the wisdom of developing the natural resources of Western Canada; but, in that, common sense and ordinary business judgment should first be considered. Alberta might be taken as an example. That province is known to have an inexhaustible supply of coal. To date, as a rule, the mines have been unable to work much more than six months in the year, due to lack of a sufficiently large national market—while at the same time Canadians are spending millions of dollars annually in the purchase of American coal. One authority claims it has run into billions during the last decade. How can Alberta's coal resources be developed on that basis?

Anyone at all familiar with more recent industrial development in Alberta must have sensed another growing handicap to the coal industry. Natural gas has already become a serious competitor in the south, and there is every reason to anticipate an intensified situation as the result of Turner Valley operations. The utilization of waste gas is a problem which requires immediate government investigation, and possibly more intensive supervision. Surely this is one solution of Central Alberta's power problems, already established, and which must be taken care of.

Commenting on this new phase of natural resources, "The Alberta Oil Examiner" quite properly points out that "the backers of the Spray Lake project apparently over-

RT. HON. STANLEY BRUCE

Prime Minister of the Australian Commonwealth who has been paying his first visit to Canada this week. He is regarded as one of the outstanding figures of the British Empire, although one of the youngest of them. He is a native of Melbourne, the son of a very eminent Australian merchant, and is himself a graduate of Cambridge, where he rowed in the crew that beat Oxford on the last occasion which Cambridge won the rowing classic of Great Britain. He had a distinguished career in the great war and his rise to political power in his native land after his return has been phenomenal in rapidity.

look the fact that in Turner Valley we have a greater source of potential energy than the hydro scheme would provide. Moreover, the oil industry is just as much in need of a market for gas in Calgary and other centres as this city requires more electric power."

It is also pointed out that the suggestion of using Turner Valley gas for power purposes is by no means new. But recent developments have made it imperative that some use be found for the millions of feet of gas now burned in that field daily. No doubt much could be said in favor of hydro, on the ground of power supply permanency, but it should first be made clear that the more logical substitute just now, in a superabundance of natural gas, will not meet all requirements equally well for at least a great many years. That is the main point, and the logical question for any government or public body to consider at the present time.

First solve Alberta's coal and gas problems, and then take up the hydro electric project in its proper sequence. By the time the two most pressing questions are solved, there will be ample opportunity to iron out all the hydro electric pros and cons, now discussed with so much seriousness. The last year's gas production has altered Alberta's power outlook materially, and is now up for judgment.

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Sky-scrapers and Traffic Congestion

The sky-scraper has been coming in for considerable attention in the various discussions of the causes of traffic congestion in the larger cities. It is often condemned as a factor in the aggravation of confused traffic conditions, but there are those who defend it as having an entirely opposite effect. The first viewpoint is indicated by Thomas A. Edison in a recent article in "The Forum," when he says that "if New York keeps on permitting the building of sky-scrapers, each one housing as many people every day as we used to have in a small city, disaster must overtake us. When all the people in those sky-scrapers start to flow out into the street at approximately the same moment, or within half-an-hour or an hour, try to get to the entrances of those buildings so that they may begin the day's business, there must be such overcrowding of the streets near those sky-scrapers as must stop traffic, and cost every individual some part of his time. Time is really the only capital that any human being has, and the one thing he can't afford to lose. The danger of the sky-scraper is that in the end, if there is no check upon it, it may cost time instead of saving it."

There are a number of authorities who agree with Mr. Edison, that the sky-scraper, because it concentrates a large number of people in a small area, has its effect in the greater congestion of traffic, nevertheless voices have been raised in defence of the sky-scraper, and Mr. Alfred C. Bossom, a sky-scraper architect, is recorded by the "Literary Digest" as stating in the "New York Times" that "instead of causing traffic congestion, sky-scrapers relieve it. They convert horizontal traffic into perpendicular traffic. In other words, by building sky-scrapers Americans are diverting traffic from their streets into the air. Our sky-scrapers are really our streets, and occupants travel three blocks up and down in the air instead of travelling three or four blocks in a horizontal direction as they would have to do if there were only one-story buildings. The proof that sky-scrapers do not cause traffic congestion, as has been erroneously supposed, is furnished by London, where there is worse traffic congestion with one-story buildings than there is in New York city with sky-scrapers."

It is a very interesting point of view, that the sky-scraper converts horizontal traffic into perpendicular traffic and thus diverts it from the streets, but one is inclined to consider that it is somewhat aside from the question. The subject under discussion is not traffic, but congestion of traffic. Traffic in a fair degree on the streets is at all times the very life of things, so far as business is concerned, and the shop-keepers welcome it. The traffic the sky-scraper diverts is this very off-peak hour traffic, it does not divert rush-hour traffic for the workers arriving at or leaving the buildings must use the streets, and it is then that the very worst of congestion occurs.

There is no doubt that the sky-scraper figures to a large degree in the creation of traffic confusion, but it is not the primary cause, which is the concentration of business houses and large departmental stores in a small area. Out of this condition the sky-scraper develops as a natural effect. In the city of Toronto, for example, which has few buildings that can lay legitimate claim to being sky-scrapers, there is a great traffic congestion at rush hours, and this is due to this very concentration of financial and mercantile affairs in a restricted down-town area. The solution of the traffic problem will surely lie in the decentralization of these offices, but one may add that with things constituted as they are at present, decentralization offers itself as an even greater problem than that of traffic congestion.

FAMILY OF SCULPTORS CREATE CANADIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. Vernon March, who recently had his design for Canada's National War Memorial accepted by the Canadian Government is now being assisted by his sister Elsie and five brothers to create the memorial at their new studio in Farnborough, Kent. The design shows two emblematic figures of Victory forming an arch through which soldiers are charging in front of a background of guns. The picture shows a close-up of the attacking soldiers.

Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce

The Prime Minister of Australia and What He Stands For

By Henry B. Thomson, London

THE Prime Minister of Australia, Rt. Hon. Stanley Melbourne Bruce, P.C., M.C., D.C.L., M.P., etc., was born in Melbourne, 1884, the son of J. R. Bruce, Esq., a merchant of Melbourne. He was educated at Melbourne Grammar School (of which he was Captain) and afterwards at Cambridge University, England, where he studied law, and rowed in the winning University Eight against Oxford in 1906. His College was Trinity Hall. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1906, and practised in London until the outbreak of war, paying two visits to Central America to take evidence on commission.

On the outbreak of hostilities, he joined the British Army and fought as an officer in the 29th Division at Gallipoli and afterwards in France, attaining the rank of Captain and being awarded the Military Cross and the French Croix de Guerre. He was twice wounded and in 1917 returned to Australia "unfit for further service".

In Australia he became head of the textile importing and manufacturing firm of Paterson, Laing and Bruce. He entered Parliament as member for Flinders (Victoria) in 1918; represented Australia at the League of Nations Assembly in 1921 and returned to become Treasurer in Mr. Hughes' Government in that year. After the election of December 1922, Mr. Hughes' Party—the Nationalists—was reduced in numbers, and, in order to carry on government, it became necessary to effect a coalition between the Nationalists and the comparatively young Country Party. The Country Party would not consent to the leadership of Mr. Hughes and, after negotiations, Mr. Bruce was chosen as leader of a united Government. He was thus 38 when he became Prime Minister. As a comparatively unknown and untried leader, his tenure of office was at first uncertain, but his record at the Imperial Conference of 1923, followed up by two years of sane, resourceful and courageous leadership, strengthened his position very greatly. At the election last November the Coalition Government obtained an unprecedented majority.

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THE Australian primary producers' relation to the secondary producers is similar to that which obtains in the United States and Canada. The rise of the Country Party was due to a widespread feeling that the interests of the man on the land had been neglected and the formation of the Coalition Government was a sign that this was to be remedied. Mr. Bruce showed from the beginning that he did not need to be led by his farmer allies in this direction, but that he had himself a lively sense of the problem and a full measure of ideas for its solution. During the post-war years, a rapid and uncontrolled increase in certain classes of primary production created an overseas marketing problem with which Australia had previously been comparatively unfamiliar. Mr. Bruce's first move was his suggestion for a limited degree of Imperial preference made at the Imperial Conference of 1923. Throughout his term of office he has, in addition, laid great stress on the need for more efficient and better organized methods of primary production, grading and classification, and marketing. A system of export bounties has been instituted. There is strict Government inspection of the grading, packing and marking of primary commodities for export and, under Government inspiration and guidance, a number of primary industries have formed voluntary organizations for the control of the export trade and of marketing. Credit facilities for rural producers have also been provided.

The line taken by Mr. Bruce in connection with the primary industries is typical of his attitude to the whole economic problem of the country. As leader of a Protectionist Government he has never ceased to lay great stress on the need for increasing the productive efficiency of the industries safeguarded by the tariff. In the same way, while showing himself entirely sympathetic to the desire of Australian workers for a legally safeguarded standard of life, he has stressed the point that the maintenance and improvement of this standard depends upon the volume of output.

The Government's policy is entirely against the entry of Governments into the sphere of trade, but in two main instances, exceptions to this rule have been made as a measure of protection to the Australian consumer in the special circumstances which obtained in the field of private enterprise. These two instances are the Commonwealth Government Line of Steamers, inaugurated by Mr. Hughes' Government and continued by its successor—the present Government—in order to preserve an equitable level of freight rates between Australia and Europe. The second exception is the Commonwealth Oil Refineries Limited in which the Government has entered into partnership with the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, for the refining and sale of petrol in Australia.

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THE main act of the Bruce Government in this field was the creation last July of the Development and Migration Commission—a board of four distinguished experts who are to act as advisers to the Commonwealth Government on the development schemes to be established with British loan money for the absorption of immigrants. The function of the Commission extends, however, considerably beyond immediate problems of settlement. Its duty is to co-ordinate the whole economic development of the country and to speed up its pace.

Other steps along the general line of the Government's policy are—

(1). The establishment of a Council for Scientific and Industrial Research to co-ordinate and extend the research work of the Commonwealth on a basis of a grant of £350,000, of which £100,000 is set apart for the training of research workers;

(2) The Northern Territory Act, which divides the Territory into two sections, and places the northern one under the control of a Statutory Commission charged with the function of administration and development;

(3) The resolution to send an Industrial Mission representing employers and employees to America to study industrial and commercial processes and the relations between employers and employed in that country.

Defence and Imperial Politics.

Mr. Bruce's attitude is that the Commonwealth should undertake the responsibility for its own defence as fully as possible and, to this end, his Government inaugurated a naval construction programme extending over six years, which brings the total defence expenditure of Australia up to 27/- per head of the population. It is his view that the defence policy of the country must be undertaken in full co-operation with the rest of the Empire as regards construction, training and strategy.

Mr. Bruce stands firmly for the maintenance of the Imperial connection, combined with full autonomy for the Commonwealth and, in common with the other Empire Prime Ministers, has expressed his full and complete satisfaction with the report of Inter-Imperial relations published by the recent Imperial Conference.

This note would be incomplete without a reference to Mr. Bruce's persistent efforts to interest the youth of Australia in political and national problems. As a very young Prime Minister, he has made repeated appeals to the young men and women of the country to enter politics in larger numbers and has taken other steps to bring it about that the way of the young man into public life is rendered easier.

"The cherry, made famous by the Manhattan cocktail, is now to be found in cherry pie."—*Joseph C. Hutchinson, of Philadelphia.*

Anyway, a man can still take a chew without feeling that he should first offer one to the lady.—*Publishers Syndicate (Chicago).*

A BRILLIANT FAMILY OF SCULPTORS

Members of the March family who are engaged in the creation of Canada's National War Memorial, from the design of Vernon March. They are, left to right, Harry, Dudley, Wallie, Elsie, Vernon, Sydney and Percy March.

The Dynamic Dunning

A Close-up of the Saskatchewan Man Who is Minister of Railways

By V. M. Kepp

CHARLIE DUNNING of Regina, otherwise the Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Railways in His Majesty's Canadian government, is a sagacious young man, and his middle initial well might stand for Ambitious. For a young chap making his own way in the world he has done not so badly, and he is not through yet, not by a long distance. He went into Saskatchewan an unknown young English settler, and he resigned the premiership of Saskatchewan at the age of 41 to enter the federal cabinet. There is no doubt in the world that Mr. Dunning expects to be premier of Canada in good time—the first prime minister from west of the Great Lakes. He went to Ottawa when Mackenzie King was desperately in need of bolstering his cabinet. To do this he gave up what had all the appearance of being a life-time job as literally the boss of Saskatchewan, and it is reasonable to suppose he had assurances which he considered satisfactory that his ambitions were not thereby to be thwarted.

Charlie Dunning ruled Saskatchewan as completely as the ex-Kaiser governs his tiny kingdom of Doorn. He inherited the very efficient political machine which had been built by Hon. Walter Scott, and he let no pulley squeak nor any cog go rusty. Dunning was the Government, and the Government was Dunning. Against him the Progressives made no progress whatever. They swept the province in federal elections, they elected the legislatures in both of his neighboring provinces, but Dunning maintained the rock of Liberalism when the Conservative party in Saskatchewan had sunk without leaving a ripple. He was a farmer, and maintained his connection with the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, the powerful organization which guided the Progressives' political activities in the province. Time after time his enemies in the Grain Growers (later to become the United Farmers of Saskatchewan) sought to commit the Association to provincial political action. Time after time he stood in their conventions and defied them to go ahead. Always they failed. Dunning himself, had a mighty personal hold on the province, he controlled a formidable machine, and his support in the great annual meetings of the Grain Growers never was left to chance.

It is only fair to state that his administration was strong and efficient. The farmers themselves recognized that Premier Dunning rendered substantial justice to all parties and all classes. He believed sincerely that it was best for the province that he should stay in office, and he neglected no decent means of maintaining his support in the legislature. It should be said also, as a matter of record, that he never had to meet opposition such as the United Farmers of Alberta, under Henry Wise Wood, provided in the province to the West of him for the old party governments, nor did he possess the amiable weaknesses which accelerated the forces of disintegration in T. C. Norris' late Liberal government in Manitoba.

Mr. Dunning, then, went to the federal Capital with everything in his favor, apparently, but with some things to unlearn. His opposition in his own legislature had been so negligible that he had become something of a despot. It is possible that he was a bit arbitrary and intolerant. His was so easily the finest mind in the Assembly, his parliamentary skill and his ability in debate so far outranked that of any of his colleagues or opponents, he had accomplished so much in his short life, that inevitably he must have looked upon Federal politics as a nut ready and ripe for his eager fingers.

Perhaps somewhat to his surprise, the Minister of Railways found considerable readjustment necessary before he could make his usefulness fully felt in the larger field. He had to learn—and he is learning it—the grace of compromise. He was to discover that the House of Commons could be led, but not driven; that there were debaters able to test all his acumen and his experience. In other words, he set out to acquire a post-graduate course in politics.

Mr. Dunning should find himself in the new Parliament which has just assembled. His Liberalism is sound, he has natural ability of a high order, as a public speaker he has few superiors in Canada, and Saskatchewan pays tribute to his genius for administration. He believes in Canada and in his own destiny—never forget the significance of that middle initial!

THE High Commissioner for Canada has been informed that on November 11th each year a deputation visits the graves in Wandsworth Cemetery of Canadian soldiers who died in the Third London General Hospital. Laurel and poppy wreaths are placed on the graves. The deputation consists of Colonel Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, K.B.E., C.M.G., the famous physician, Miss Barton, Principal Matron, Miss Holden, Matron, Mr. Butcher and Mr. Lee, representing non-commissioner officers and men.

Mistress—You can have this hat, Sarah, I shall not wear it again. *Maid*—That is kind of you, mum. It's the very one my fellow likes me in best!

NEW EMPEROR OF JAPAN

Prince Hirohito, the Crown Prince of Japan, who recently ascended the throne of Japan, following the death of the Emperor.

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OPPIDANS BEAT COLLEGERS IN WALL GAME AT ETON

The Oppidans beat the Collegers by three shies to one in the wall game between the two colleges at Eton recently. The photograph shows the absence call at Eton.

Senator George P. Graham

Laughing Philosopher of the Commons Goes to New Surroundings

By M. Grattan O'Leary

GEORGE P. GRAHAM in the Senate! One hates to think of that venerable prison house closing upon his joyous spirit. For George P.——he was always "George P." to us all—brought an infectious gaiety and wise humor to politics that we should be loath to lose. Public life has so much of dullness, of bitterness, of rancor.

George P. Graham has come a long way since that far day when, with nothing to commend him but his own buoyant spirit, he wrote to J. W. Dafoe, then on the Montreal Herald, for a twelve dollar a week job as a reporter . He was only a fair reporter, and never a great journalist, though he had the newspaperman's passion of curiosity, and always loved the craft. But he had an aptitude for politics, a "way with him" that took with the crowd, the gift of understandable expression, and common sense to an uncommon degree. It was inevitable that he should get on in politics!

Before he entered the House of Commons he had progressed in the Ontario Legislature to the position of Leader of the Opposition. In the Commons, though he was for a time one of Laurier's chief swordsmen, and certainly one of his favorites, he was never in the first flight of debaters. He could make an almost masterful analysis of the railway situation, he could be cogent and persuasive, but he just lacked that touch of mystery and passion and pathos that gave the speeches of lesser men their magic and made them orators. But as an after dinner speaker (he was the hero of countless Press Gallery banquets) he was unrivalled. There was something about his droll humor, his disarming frankness, his intimate touches and capacity to laugh at himself and his colleagues, that made him irresistible.

It was George P. Graham's gift, the special quality of his temperament, that he never made enemies, and that, therefore, he always had friends in both camps. And why should he have had enemies? He never said a bitter word about anyone. I doubt, indeed, whether he ever thought bitterly about anyone. He was, one always thought, a philosopher; and of the school of the Laughing Philosophers. If the achievements of his life had not proved him to be a serious man, in the sense in which the French use the word serious, it would sometimes seem difficult to make this acknowledgment in his favor. For his temperament was compounded of gaiety. If one did not know how much serious work he had accomplished, and how efficiently, one put him down as a mere raconteur.

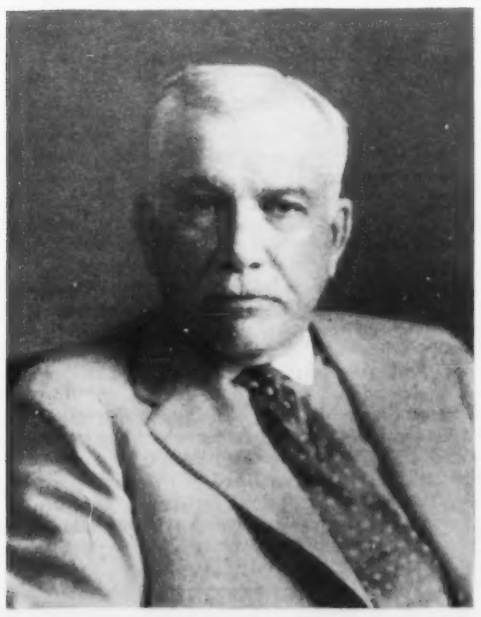
For Graham, somehow never quite took himself seriously. It is one of Mr. Chesterton's jolly maxims that a man should be able to laugh at himself, poke fun at himself, enjoy his own absurdity. It is, he holds, an excellent test of mental health. Man should see himself the quaint "forked radish" that he is, fantastic as well as wonderful. He should see his mind ready to do battle, and die, if need be, for an idea, but equally ready to get into a passion because his egg is boiled too hard. He should, in short, see himself not as a hero, but as a man of strange virtues and stranger follies, a figure to move him to alternate admiration and laughter.

George P. Graham was always like that. I have seen him seemingly ruin a serious speech on the most serious of subjects by his incapacity to resist a good pun; and just because he wasn't pompous, just because he avoided that manufactured gravity so often used to cloak dullness, the public too often misunderstood him.

Graham, for all his gaiety, has had and has his sad moods. One remembers the pathos of those years when his heart was lacerated by the death of a promising son; and often I have thought that his humor and his laughter are the glamorous shinings over deep pools of wistful regrets. There was that day, for example, when, with Mr. Fielding, he saw another and younger man snatch the prize of party leadership from his grasp.

But it was not like Graham to pine or complain; and Mr. King never had a more loyal friend and lieutenant. Even in 1925, when the old comrades with whom he had marched and bivouacked left him lying upon the field where he fell, and another man, more powerful in the re-organized army, went to the Department of Railways, it was not in Graham's nature to be bitter. It was all in the game of war. He just went his way serene and joyous, his laughter as buoyant and as infectious as a child's.

In the evening of life, Graham refuses to grow old. His career has been one long victory of the spirit, all sunshine and fresh air; and thousands who know him or who have fought with or against him must join in wishing him all December roses as the shades of the decorous Senate close on his indomitable spirit.



HON. GEORGE P. GRAHAM

President of the Tariff Investigation Board who was recently elevated to the Senate.

Wild Wolve Maidens

By Geoffrey W. Cox

IF A curate had remarked it
Or archdeacon had inferred
It was true,—we might have shouted,
"How absurd!!"
But, when a Bishop says it
There's no argument at all,—
It simply must have happened in Bengal.

It must be a fact, reported
By a Bishop and his Dean;
That, with some wolves cavorting,
They had seen
Two maids of tender ages
Who had on no clothes at all.
Oh! the styles are ne plus ultra in Bengal.

There was only one course open,
And they took it quickly when
They lured those wild wolve maidens
From their den.
No doubt 'twas most unfitting
For young girls with cubs to roam.
So most properly they took the orphans home.

Bengalese are shy, retiring,
And are much put out at this
Sudden fame has reached their quiet
Diocese.
That their orphanage should shelter
Whom the wolves once held in thrall,
Is esteemed a social blunder in Bengal.

And, though we have grown accustomed
To our women who are wild,
We prefer to have our Bishops
Draw it mild.—
For this tale of wild wolve maidens
Sounds, we feel, a bit too thick
Even for a far off, alien bishopric.

If a curate had remarked it
Or archdeacon had inferred
It was true,—we might have countered,
"How absurd!!"
But since a Bishop said it
We have no recourse at all;
And echo that it happened in Bengal.

"Jix's Jokes"

SIR WILLIAM JOYNSON HICKS, the Home Secretary, made some bright comments on inventions, at the luncheon of the Institute of Patentees, held in connection with the Inventions Exhibition recently. He referred to the varied character of the inventions displayed. "I notice there is a sideboard convertible into a bed," he said. "That would appear to me to be more useful after luncheon, or dinner, than before." "I must get for my wife one of those toasting forks which prevent the bread from falling into the fire, and I must also get for the Prime Minister one of the 'most easily cleaned tobacco pipes.'

"But more than anything else, I like to see the 'seatless trousers for motor cyclists', although I am not sure that it will not be my duty to communicate with the police if I see any motor-cyclists wearing them."

There had always been a tendency to run down inventors, Sir William went on. As a matter of fact they were the mose useful people in the world. They were those unusual people who thought a little in advance of their fellows.

The Passing Show

MOON-SET

High in the west the failing moon reclines
Upon the sombre bosom of the pines;
Slowly it fails, until, forever blind,
Its soul goes trembling down the mountain wind.

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If it is true that wherever an American goes in Paris he is hissed and booed by the French, it only goes further to prove the saying that you can tell an American in Paris by the bad French.

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"Aren't you angry at your husband for kissing the maid?"

"No. It's the only way we can keep her."

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We are told that if a modern girl went to a masquerade dressed as Eve, her friends wouldn't know her with so many clothes on.

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"I've got an idea for a motion picture."

"It won't be a motion picture then."

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Perhaps the reason there is more love these days is because there isn't enough gin to make the world go round.

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And the worst of it is, only posterity will know whether Mussolini has to help wash the dishes at home.

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"Is there a Santa Claus, really, Johnny?"

"Of course not, Mary. But don't tell Mother and Dad, I don't want to disillusion them."

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The proof that idleness is mischievous for man is a lot of poetry.

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Still, the Americans may console themselves with the thought that while they are unpopular abroad, they are still awfully popular at home.

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Nowadays, the dowry that a girl brings to her marriage is generally alimony.

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John L. Baird, the English inventor, has discovered an invisible ray that can see in the dark. Father need no longer be perturbed concerning events in the front parlor.

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The Americans complain over the fact that Great Britain has control of the world's rubber, forgetting that they themselves have control of the world's brass.

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The publishers of the tabloid picture papers are no doubt watching with great interest the experiments of the the film people to eliminate captions.

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Far away hills look green, too.

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Another optimist was the pickpocket who went out to work the Monday after Christmas.

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If conversation lags at the tea a good hostess can always revive it quickly by getting someone to play classical music.

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Father's impression of Santa Claus is a bill-collector.

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Still, the bright and shining light is that the European nations may get to hate the United States so much they will forget to hate themselves.

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Nobody has asked them to do it, but various scientists are working on television, which will permit one not only to hear a tenor on the radio, but also to see him. If these scientists have any affection for humanity in their bosoms they will not stop there but will continue until they devise a method whereby one can radiocast a brick with satisfactory effect.

Hal Frank

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I HAVE just received an agreeable reminder of the fact, all too likely to be forgotten, that there are a few members of parliament who are not so deeply obsessed with the sense of their own importance as to be constantly on guard against overt acts calculated to degrade it. The reminder comes in a letter from C. H. Cahan, K.C., member of the St. Lawrence—St. George division of Montreal, who feels that he has a grievance on account of an observation made in this department a couple of weeks ago in connection with the beginning of the session and the debate on the address to the Governor-General. But Mr. Cahan did not present his grievance as most members would have done. On the contrary he wrote good-humoredly about it, taking issue pleasantly with an interpretation of his contribution to the debate which he conceived to be not altogether correct, and willing to let it go at that. I had made the comment on this page that the spirit of goodwill shown toward the acting leader of the party of the opposition at the outset of his difficult undertaking seemed to be rendered slightly less than unanimous by the attitude of two members of his party who had dissented from his views in the opening debate in a manner that, in the circumstances, was interpreted as something in the way of a want of loyalty to the new leadership. In the case of Mr. Cahan the reference was to his views on the significance of the declaration of the Imperial Conference concerning the status of the Dominion, and particularly to his contention that in the future as in the past the rights of the provinces and of minority classes in the country would have the protection of the B. N. A. Act and the British parliament, it being his view that these rights could not be altered except through amendment to the Act at Westminster. This contention was offered following Mr. Guthrie's speech in which the opposition leader expressed grave concern lest the guarantees of the B. N. A. Act had been placed in jeopardy.

Mr. Cahan maintains that there was no conflict between his view of the conference declaration and that of his leader. Many of those who heard him would hold that the point was at least open to argument, but it is of no great matter. It can be readily admitted, however, that whether the two views were in accord or whether they were not the distinguished member for St. Lawrence-St. George did not intend to convey the impression that he was in any degree withholding loyal support from his leader. Since he refutes the interpretation that was placed upon them by others of his audience as well as myself unfortunately, I do not yet quite know what his intention was, but I suspect it was that of elucidating Mr. Guthrie's pronouncement. For if Mr. Cahan permits himself the indulgence of one small weakness, it is that of a desire to improve upon or present more clearly and lucidly (and almost invariably he succeeds in doing so) the arguments that have been voiced by others. Not that the acting opposition leader's speeches require to be translated into lucidity. He is a very capable speaker, but Mr. Cahan has perhaps the most lucid and logical mind in the House of Commons and it does seem as if he would not be quite happy if he allowed to rest on Hansard any argument in behalf of a cause he supports in a form that failed to give it all the force that clear and precise speaking could contribute. It is seldom, indeed, that Mr. Cahan's efforts in debate do not make for a better understanding of the subject under discussion, but human nature being what it is, too much of perfection is sometimes resented, and one imagines that those efforts would be increased in persuasiveness if they were somewhat less generously given. Be that as it may, it would be unfortunate if they were diminished in persuasiveness through an erroneous impression as to the attitude of so outstanding and able a public man toward his leader or his party. Mr. Cahan unfeignedly regards his party as an instrument for promoting the welfare of the country, and as such his efforts are directed toward its advancement. It might conceivably have been better for the party had more advantage been taken of his political wisdom in the last few years by the powers that were.

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FEW statesmen or statesmen take their grievances, real or fancied, so good-naturedly as Mr. Cahan. All whose business it is to report or interpret political and parliamentary affairs and proceedings for the press encounter once in a while the displeasure of some moulder of the country's destiny who has been, in his opinion, misrepresented. Seldom is the displeasure disguised. The communication from Mr. Cahan recalled to the writer the calamity he brought upon himself a few years ago by carelessly trifling with the virtues of a gentleman who records became a member of His Majesty's government of Canada. At the time, there was a good deal of speculation in the precincts of parliament and in the press as to what stand would be taken by the statesman in question in an issue on which his views were well known to be at variance with the policy being advanced by the government he was supporting. The question that for weeks interested followers of parliament was whether loyalty to his party or respect for his convictions would prevail in the case of the member. The writer inadvertently made mention of the possibility that justifiable loyalty to party in the delicate situation might find its reward there being a Senatorship for the member's province vacant at the time. Prior to that inadvertence, the writer had enjoyed the smiles of the estimable gentleman who was destined to become a privy councillor; since then, he has been denied even the acquaintance of this great man. It is an illustration of how easy it is to earn the dire consequences of offending the mighty. There are plenty of cases on record of the blight of distinguished disapproval falling upon the sinning newspaper man and destroying his happiness. Men with the cares of the highest office in the state on their minds will sometimes diverge from their paths to put such a sinner in his place. Most of them are exceedingly touchy, these statesmen.

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GOSSIP has it that obligations unwittingly acquired with the new autonomy of the nation have begun to weigh rather heavily on the shoulders of Mr. King's ministers. It seems that a country can't be a full-fledged nation for nothing, and that the cost may be more than the most extravagant had contemplated. At any rate, the worry visible in the countenances of some of the guardians of the national treasury is being attributed to advance estimates on the price of the new status. These advance estimates have arrived from Rideau Hall, Ottawa, residence of His Majesty's representative in Canada, who is no longer the representative of the British Government, and from a certain house in Queen's Park, Toronto, whose occupants are shortly to remove to Washington. And whether these estimates are subjected to pruning or not, the final bills for putting Government House into a condition compatible with the new status of its occupants and of creating the Canadian legation in the United States Capital are going to be worthy of respect. The sixty thousand dollars that has stood in the parliamentary votes as provision for the Washington establishment is beginning to look like pin money, and it is perhaps well for the health of Finance Minister Robb that he is holidaying in Bermuda while the uncomfortable fact is becoming known to his colleagues.

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SOME people are wondering if the first little job of diplomacy to fall to Mr. Massey when he crosses over to the United States will not be that of mollifying the feelings of those American cousins who must regard as an unfriendly act the move of the new and ambitious Minister of Customs to shut off completely the passage of reliable Canadian liquor across the border. With Americans succumbing by the score to the poison in their own synthetic products, they will feel, some people believe, that the Canadian Government is acting harshly toward them in depriving them of the harmless distillations of this country. But in the absence of some influence by the new minister plenipotentiary in the interests of international goodwill, the flow of booze southward is in a fair way to be stopped. The new Minister of Customs is a man of high principles who cannot close his eye to the crime of falsely clearing a motor boat from a Canadian port for a Mexican port, and the order has gone forth that the rum runner's traffic must be run down. The handsome contributions made by British Columbia liquor interests to party funds are no longer to prove potent. These contributions, by the way, are destined to extend Mr. Rowell's job as customs department investigator indefinitely. Mr. Rowell has been authorized to gratify his ambition to get to the bottom of them. Since he had unexpectedly revealed enough to distress even the most tolerant, there was really nothing else for it but to dig deeper, and Mr. Rowell's well-known animosity toward the demon rum and all his works should make the task a pleasurable one for him.

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THE proposal put forward editorially by SATURDAY NIGHT that the Conservative Party do its part toward giving the people a rest from politics for a while by postponing its proposed national convention till 1928 is seconded by a good many leading Tories. They agree with the arguments advanced in support of the suggestion, acknowledging that the people are fed up on partizan discussion, and admitting that the interests of the party as well as those of the country would be served by putting aside for a time all unnecessary occasion for a renewal of that discussion. The one main purpose of a Conservative convention is the choosing of a permanent leader in succession to Mr. Meighen, and there is no urgency about this. At the same time, as the Editor of this paper has observed, such political questions as a national convention would naturally desire to deal with might be viewed in a much clearer light eighteen months or so hence when there has been opportunity of seeing how the present administration functions. The proposal has not fallen on barren soil, it would seem, and it may be advanced in party council.

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AS HAS been suggested, the present year is a particularly appropriate one for a temporary abandonment of partizan bickering and back-biting, since this year the Dominion is to celebrate the diamond jubilee of Confederation. Indications are that the celebration will be on a scale and in a style suitable to the significance of the anniversary. The government and the corporation of the capital city are already co-operating in advance preparations, and the provincial governments doubtless will shortly enter on the good work. With the prospect that we shall have as guests at our feast the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and statesmen from other parts of the Empire, Canada's name should figure in big type all around the world in consequence of the celebration.

Economics at Home

By A Canadian in the United States

PERSPECTIVE is a great thing and an intricate problem is sometimes as simple as ABC if you can just stand away back and look the whole picture over. The rugby fan in the bleachers is in a better position to see what play is most likely to win the game than the captain in the scrimmage. The aviator flying over the enemy lines is in a better position to pick the enemy's weak point than the officer in the line. Similarly, the people fighting hard for the welfare of their country at home might profit by the observations of one from a distance.

I hate politics, but my grandfather was one time Governor of the North West Territories, and a relative of mine is at the present time Lieutenant-Governor of one of the western provinces. I hate politics, I repeat, but have at all times kept within earshot of them just so that I might not be fooled by side issues into losing sight of the party platforms. Probably my hatred is bred from a realization that only one political platform can be economically sound and in the best interest of the country. Other platforms are put forth, aided by their one-track-mind supporters, and thus we have patriotic Canadians voting away their country's right to prosperity through unforgivable ignorance.

"Unforgivable" it is. My daily bread depends on a knowledge of business trends obtained through reading which is available to anyone. Others specialize with me in this study to the end of making safe and profitable investments in stocks and bonds for our clients. It is on account of the questions of these Economists that I was first brought to realize how much my Yankee confreres appreciate the low tariff wall now existent into Canada. "What is wrong with your people," they say, "that the Canadian government permits the cream of its labor to come over here to work instead of protecting its home industry—and then encourages us to send our product (perhaps made by Canadians) back to Canada for sale? Your real estate values at home can't be enjoying the increase they deserve if your people are leaving at the present rate; your home markets must be suffering; yet when we protect ourselves as with the Fordney tariff, your government merely knocks down their wall in two or three more places." This action was so entirely at variance with the American idea of *protection* that they might well wonder at the apparent idiocy of the Canadian people. I not only wondered but worried for the future of our country, and I believe that the root of the whole evil is my old enemy—Politics—and more specifically, that unforgivable vote of the well meaning but thoughtless Canadian, who through dumb ignorance either refuses to see or cannot see that if he supports a platform not economically sound, he is personally responsible for the bread winner's troubles, and whose political majority is made up by the vast number of uneducated votes of lumber-jacks, miners, laborers, even farmers, and the French-Canadian habitant. This is demonstrated by the districts which in the recent election gave support to a changed platform.

With manufacturing gone, our Canada would slip back one hundred years. Every year of anti-protection administration would make stable manufacturing in Canada more difficult, and as it is the worker who suffers and *leaves* (750,000 of them paid $8 and some $18 apiece to come into the U. S. in the past 4½ years) then it will be so much harder to re-establish industry when conditions do warrant it. Feelings of disgust among really patriotic Canadians, who could find no work except in the U. S. but who hoped to see Canada pick up "under new management" and enable them to return, are to-day very strong, and in some cases I regret that their patriotism has deserted them. My own cousin when he read the Canadian election reports in American newspapers said: "Now I am through with Canada."

Well, I am not as despondent over the situation as all that. He was a Major in the Canadian Army overseas and decorated several times, whereas I was only a Lieutenant and younger, so that I still feel that there is time for me to establish myself in Canada once that Economically sound government is in power. But we can't put them in power from over here, nor can the majority of us support ourselves in any degree of comfort in Canada till after they are in power. The burden therefore falls on the Canadian people to study the workings of the wheels of business and for those behind the wheels to *personally* direct the education of those under them so that when each man or woman casts his vote, it will be for the *platform* and no other reason. There are 750,000 Canadians waiting for Canada's reply—mostly young men who have yet to build their homes and would vastly prefer to settle in Canada. Protect your industries and WE'LL ALL COME HOME TO WORK

A New Race of Pigmies

IN DENSE mountain jungles never before successfully penetrated by white men, the Dutch New Guinea expedition of American and Dutch scientists has discovered an entirely new group of pygmies. Entering a country in which previous expeditions had been lost through fever and hardships, the scientists, after four months of travel, came upon the strange small people, living a quiet and secluded life, hemmed in by rugged jungle, covered mountains and cut off from the rest of the Papuan tribes. One of the leaders of the expedition described the bushmen as unusually friendly. "Also," he said, "contrasting with the loud yelling and menacing attitude of the natives below, the pygmies of the mountain talked in undertones or whispers and seemed afraid of being too obtrusive. They were not timid, but quite intelligent and always cool and collected. The first thing they did was to give us all a present. The presents consisted of their small bows and arrows, rattan arm bracelets, ornaments, bananas, and betel nuts. Their whole material culture was entirely different from that of the Papuans. They raise tobacco, sweet potatoes, bananas and pigs.

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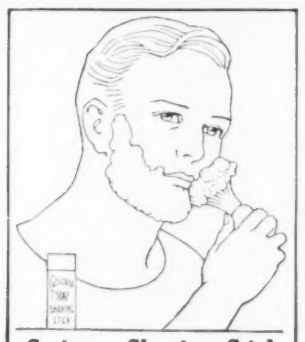

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The Habitant Through English Eyes

Rt. Hon. Lord Darling, P. C.

In the London "Evening Standard"

NO ONE who has travelled up or down the River St. Lawrence can have failed to be struck by the appearance of the Island of Orleans, with its farms divided symmetrically by fences into long, narrow strips running backwards and upwards from the water's edge. These mark the holdings of the *censitaires*, vassals of the *seigneurs* to whom manors were granted by the Kings of France.

There have lived the *habitants* for two centuries past and more—Frontenac, Vaudreuil, and Bigot have come and gone, so have Montcalm, Saunders, Wolfe, and Montgomery—and still Quebec, unstained by the crimes of Revolutionary France, keeps her proud place on the bluff above one of the noblest rivers the world can show, and there remains freer and happier beneath the Union Jack than ever under the white flag of the Bourbons.

And now, a little way below and distant from the Citadel which still frowns above the stream of the St. Lawrence, on the Island of Orleans itself, live the descendants of soldiers of a Highland regiment, become as French as their Canadian great-grandmothers and hardly more familiar with the English tongue than Mme. de Pompadour herself.

It became my business to seek out one of these men of Scots descent for the purpose of communicating to him the fact that he—a Canadian *habitant*—had become entitled to a holding in one of the islands of the Hebrides. And so I went to seek him amidst those feudal strips which I have mentioned. It was a fine autumn day when I walked in search of this heir to "the lone sheiling on the misty island," through fields bearing various ripened crops, by paths adorned with maples, the pride and badge of Canada, arrayed in all the glory of their garment of crimson and gold.

Here and there appeared the spire of just such a church as may be seen in Brittany or Normandy, humbler chapels, and picturesque farm buildings, windmills, and watermills beside streams from which the beaver had not long been driven by too active a commerce. The population must be industrious and occupied, for I had gone far before I found anyone from whom I could inquire for the object of my visit.

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AT LENGTH I heard the sound of a voice, and, turning the corner of a wheat stack, I was rewarded. On the steps of the verandah of a square house solidly built of timber, and stained by over a century of storms, sat a child playing with a kitten.

"Can you," said I, "tell me if this is the home of Mr. Alexander Macleod of La Croisée?"

"*Mais*," she said, rising and pointing as she spoke, "this is *la hutte de l'étang, and Sandie's ferme* is awa' there, *là bas, beyant le moulin*. Ye maun be a stranger here for-bye?"

I assured her that I was but lately come from Ottawa, which must excuse my unseemly ignorance of the locality.

"*Mais, c'est évident, ça*," said the child, "gin ye'll step wi' me till the *cascade* I can point ye to the *cabane* of *Sandie Mac-lé-o*."

We walked together—the kitten accompanying us—as far as a little waterfall which descended into a basin of rock hollowed to retain water sufficient for the wants of the villagers.

"*La cabane de Sandie Mac-lé-o*," said the child, with so especial an emphasis on *Mac* and so Gallic a pronunciation of the rest as to render the name almost unintelligible, "is there, *dans le bosquet, regardez donc* the roof, *avec la girouette*."

"*Merci bien*," said I.

"It is nothing," said she, "*viens, Minet*"—this to the kitten who followed her. For my own part, I pursued my way until I reached the homely building which the *girouette* adorned. The portion of this homestead which first caught my eye astonished me no less than had it been some *pavillon de Diane* in the *Parc aux Cerfs* itself. In fact, however, it was merely an oven, in a stone building by itself, detached somewhat from the half-timbered house to which it appertained. From it there floated towards me a not unagreeable odor of freshly baked oatcakes, and soon I saw a girl occupied in withdrawing them from the furnace. Her arms were bare to the elbow, but her skirts of a Highland tartan made amends by falling to her ankles.

"Permit me, *Madame*," said I, raising my hat, "to ask you whether . . ."

"*Attendez, attendez, Monsieur, faut pas bruler le pain*," said she. "*Attendez donc, un instant*."

"*Je ne suis pas francais*," said I.

"I am Canadian," said she.

"*Moi aussi*, but not *francais, Madame*," said I, hardly knowing how I stood or spoke.

"Then speak English, but not too fast," said she, "or I shall not understand."

"I seek Mr. Alexander Macleod . . ."

"*L'habitant* Sandy *Mac-lé-o?*" she inquired.

"I suppose so," said I—for in truth I was becoming somewhat confused—since I am not bi-lingual to the extent of conversing in two languages at once.

"*L'habitant Mac-lé-o*," said the girl, "*c'est mon oncle*; but there, why do I talk to you in this way since you understand so little the French? But my uncle knows but few words of English, and a few more of the Gaelic."

"Precisely," said I, "he is of the Hebrides, and I would speak with him of important matters of family, of land, of inheritance, of times long past, and distant homesteads."

"Then I must interpret between you. *Mais, mon Dieu, que vous êtes ignorant* since you speak not the French."

"*A la mode de Québec*," said I; for I was becoming somewhat annoyed by her air of superiority.

"*Nullement*, no how, but here comes my *oncle*," said she.

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AND, indeed, there advanced towards us a man whom I at once perceived to be *l'habitant* himself. A red-haired man, obviously a feudal tenant—neither sufficiently round in the face for a yeoman, nor in the back for a serf—for knight's service too low, for a villein's too tall—too contented to be rich, too unambitious to have become poor—one whose "hopes and cares a few paternal acres bound." As to his dress, he wore a pair of loose blue velveteen trousers—inherited, I imagine, from a long line of *censitaires*—and a waistcoat of the same tartan as so well became his niece.

"Mr. Macleod?" I said, with such a bow and flourish of my hat as I imagined would have been accustomed when *Louis, le bien-aimé*, returned so profusely the affection of his people, and of Madame de Pompadour.

"*Sandie Mac-lé-o pour vous servir, M'sieu*," said he.

There was an awkward pause while I considered how to proceed. Here was I charged with a mission to a Scot of the Hebrides—by descent direct from one Alastair Macleod of Uist—who knew no more English than I did of Gaelic, and who apparently would, perhaps could, discuss nothing except in French.

He spoke rapidly to his niece in a French either too good or too bad, too old or too new—certainly too un-English for me to catch the meaning of one word in a dozen. Whereupon, with a smile of half contemptuous pity, the girl turned to me, and said that her uncle regretted that as I did not understand *Franca*—so she pronounced it—and he, himself spoke merely the language of an *habitant* of the *Isle d'Orléans*, we must converse through her as interpreter—and that he desired me to know that her English was of the best, as she had been taught it by holy nuns who came from Dublin itself.

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I TOOK from my pocket some papers tied together with red tape; and, rather to convince the man of the authenticity of my communication than because I needed their assistance to my memory, I referred to these from time to time while I explained that one Alastair Macleod—which name, although I said Macleod, the girl in translating as conscientiously converted into *Mac-lé-o*—had died, leaving his few ancestral acres and the bothy or two which they supported, together with some boats apt for the fishing, to the lawful heir of Donald Macleod, a Sergeant of Fraser's Highlanders in the thirty-second year of the reign of his late Majesty, George the Second.

"*J'ai toujours son espadon et sa Bible*," said the habitant.

"And his snuff-box," said the girl, "and also the tall hat of the French *Grenadier* whom he killed at Quebec."

"*Ah, quel beau chapeau, celui du régiment de Guienne. C'est énorme, M'sieu. On possède des souvenirs des ancêtres—et c'est toujours agréable*," said the Hebridean.

"He belongs to both sides, *l'oncle*," said the girl, "French and Scots."

"'Tis enough," said I, "*vous voilà l'héritier!*"

"But since he has the things already . . ." cried the girl.

"I spoke of the realty," said I—and I then proceeded to explain, and she to translate, that by this I intended to describe the small estate in Uist, as delineated and limited by the sea on the one hand, and the mountains on the other, in the plan of the Ordnance Survey which I then produced and submitted to their gaze.

During this time we had been joined by a young man whom the girl permitted to take her by the hand and to remain an attentive listener to our conversation, on whom, indeed, she now and then bestowed a glance of mutual intelligence which he seemed to anticipate, and was quick to return.

"I have left a basket of trout in the kitchen," he said—irrelevantly, as I thought.

"Jacques is a fisherman," explained the girl.

"*Et des plus habiles*," said Macleod.

For myself, I could see that the youth came of that race of hunters whose arch-type was the last of the Mohicans—although he carried no tomahawk, nor was adorned, as to his hair, with an eagle's feather. In fact, he had all the appearance of an active yet peaceable boatman.

"*Faites-moi le plaisir d'entrer, M'sieu*," said Macleod, pointing towards the door of his house.

"He would have you come in, for he is proud of his relics," said the girl, "and we can then discuss this affair of the heritage," she added, with that genius for recalling us to earth when we tend towards the clouds which is the especial privilege of women.

"I desire nothing better," said I, and we all followed her into the house.

The room in which I found myself was in no way remarkable for its height or width, but, like the wound of "the bloody Tibalt," adequate to the occasion.

"*Mes réliques*," said Macleod, placing on the table a snuff-box and the Bible, and waving his hand towards the fireplace, above which hung a rusted claymore and a hat such as might have become a mitred Abbot.

He proffered me the snuff-box, which I put aside as courteously as I could, and tapped the Bible with his finger.

"*He* never reads it, for it is not in French," said the girl, "and I myself have not even opened it, since *mon Confesseur* assures me that the doings of the Kings of Israel are unedifying in the extreme."

"I enjoy them myself, though," said the boatman.

"*Jacques, mon ami, vous êtes toujours un peu trop Iroquois*," said the girl, "and besides, we came in to discuss with *Monsieur* this heritage, the farm, the houses, the boats—is it not so, *mon oncle?*"

The *habitant* struck the Bible with a violence which, had he been of the Scotch Kirk, might well have gained him instant preferment, and declared that nothing in my suggestion that he should quit the Island of Orleans for his property in that of Uist had any temptation for him—although, at the request of his niece, I again pointed out on the plan its acreage and varied amenities.

"*Non*," he cried, "*je m'en fiche!*"

"We are Canadians now," said the girl.

"Yet," said I, "surely you have not forgotten—listen a moment," and I repeated:

From the lone sheiling on the misty island
Mountains divide us, and a waste of seas.
But still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides.

I saw a tear tremble in the eye of the girl, but Macleod remained stolid.

"*Comprends peu; dis-le-moi en Francais*," said he.

"I will try," said the girl; and slowly, searching now and then for a word, she said in a voice that rose and fell sadly, as though the waves were in it:

Ah loin de moi—exile pauvre et triste—
La vieille hutte, sur l'islot d'outre mer.
Toujours le sang est fort, le rêve persiste
De voir, en mourant même, ce lieu si cher.

"*Pour ma part, je préfère rester ici, je suis censitaire canadien*," said Macleod.

The teardrop fell from the girl's eye on to her hand, which she brushed lightly against her tartan skirt.

Macleod drew his niece gently towards him.

"*Ne pleurs pas, Jeannette*," he said kindly, "*je te donne l'héritage puisque tu aimes toujours ces isles lointaines*."

"I will draw up your act of renunciation at once," said I, seating myself at the table.

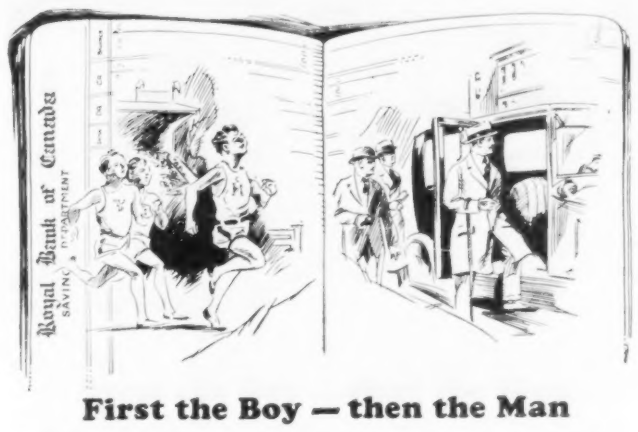
"And me?" cried the boatman.

"I am sorry, Jacques, but as a Scotsman you are impossible," said Jeannette.

The demi-Indian picked up the basket of trout and left the house.

"There are as good fish in the Hebrides as in the St. Lawrence, *mon oncle*," said the girl.

"*Je m'en doute*," said the *habitant*.



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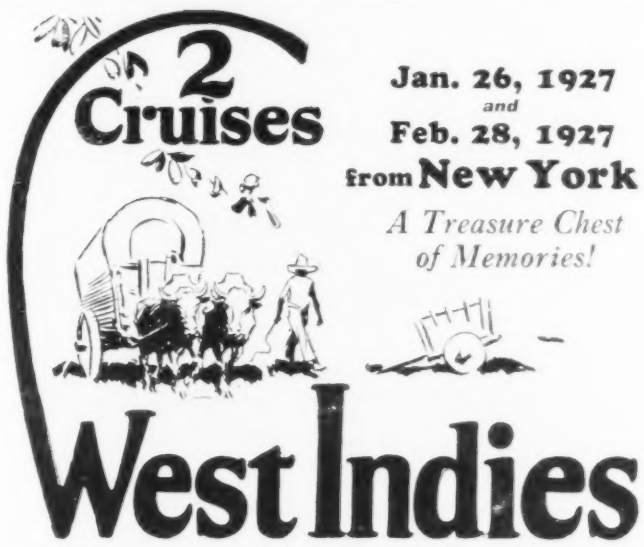

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Matheson Lang Saying Au Revoir

That in his final visits to Eastern cities for the present season Matheson Lang is but saying "Au Revoir" is a natural assumption in view of the enthusiasm which his first tour of Canada has created. It would be sad indeed if one of the very few stars of serious purpose on the present day stage were to deny his native country his presence in the future. As I pointed out on Mr. Lang's advent last autumn it was our misfortune that almost every other part of the Empire had become acquainted with his art prior to Canada, where memories of the two clergymen whose name he bears are still fresh in the minds of the older generation. Many Canadian visitors to London had from time to time brought back glowing accounts of his artistry and of the aesthetic distinction which characterized his productions as a manager; and these reports have been more than justified during his stay among us. For his present farewells to Toronto he has chosen two of the four plays which he brought across the Atlantic, "The Chinese Bungalow" and "The Wandering Jew." Personally one could have wished that he had elected to give a few more presentations of Sabatini's romantic tragedy, "The Tyrant," the drama in which he opened his Canadian tour at Montreal, in tasteful and sumptuous beauty the finest production brought from London since the days of Sir Henry Irving. But actor-managers on tour must be guided to a considerable extent by the desires of the public; and in the main the public has shown that its enthusiasm lay with "The Chinese Bungalow" and "The Wandering Jew," each of which is unique in its own way.

The four roles which Mr. Lang has presented in Toronto during the present season have given playgoers an opportunity to take his measure as an artist. Though his tour has provided no opportunity to judge of his renowned merits as a Shakespearean actor, there was in the modern play, "Carnival," a scene which gave a suggestion of his Othello. In "The Wandering Jew" and "The Tyrant" his wonderful authority and distinction as a romantic actor have been given full play. To these roles the study of the educated, aristocratic Chinaman in "The Chinese Bungalow" furnished a complete contrast, and revealed his ability to sink the personality he so opulently reveals in romantic roles. While Mr. Lang possesses in a rare degree that nobility of utterance, freedom of gesture, and grace of movement which were characteristic of the "old school" at its best, he is by temperament more deliberate and less impassioned than the more eminent men of the nineteenth century. There is a philosophic quality in his acting that rendered him unsuited to the gusty, Latin outbursts of the character he had to play in "Sirocco" (Carnival), but on the other hand this thoughtful deliberation is essentially suited to the presentation of a being of lethal cunning like Cæsar Borgia, of the Jew who symbolizes the sorrows of a man condemned to live when he longs for death, and of the Chinese fatalist versed in Confucius, Yuan Sing. A second hearing of his impersonation of the latter role this week impressed me even more deeply than before with its graphic power, exquisite detail, and perfect, unforced realism. It is remarkable that a Britisher should be able to so completely identify himself with an exotic being of this order, and the magic with which Mr. Lang grips his audience by his pauses and silences is unique in the contemporary theatre.

During his previous visit one dealt at length with the ease and distinction of his productions and the care which is bestowed on every minor role. His company is excellent in every sense, and in the versatile and beautiful Winifred Izard, who plays the strong minded English girl, he brings to us one of the most gifted actresses of the day.

Hector Charlesworth

MATHESON LANG
As he will appear in "The Wandering Jew" at the Royal Alexandra next week.

New Mystery Play at The Empire

"The Ghost Train" which is being presented this week at the Empire Theatre (Toronto) by the Theatre Guild of Canada, Ltd., lives up to its reputation and name as both a comic and thrilling melodrama. Its three acts are replete with exciting and laughter-provoking incident, events continually rocking back and forth between the comic and the eerie. It is not nearly so exciting though just as mysterious as "The Rat," but then it makes up for that by the continual release it gives in laughter to tension induced by the gathering and mysterious dangers suggested.

One does not need to believe in ghosts to get a great deal of entertainment out of this play. There is a novelty arising out of the fact that the players are mainly English, the scene in Maine, and the characters pure United States except one Montrealer and a "silly ass Englishman," Teddy Deakin, whose conduct at all crises of the exciting night as portrayed with great skill by Roland Bottomley provides most of the fun of the play. Edith Tennlswood as Miss Bourne also provided some comic interludes to the excitement of the night. Audrey Ridgewell gave high emotional stress to the acting of the part of the seemingly demented Julia Price. Major John Maud, after an absence of some weeks from the stage, was warmly welcomed by the audience. William Podmore did excellent preparatory work for the thrills of the play in his work as Saul Hodgkin, the station master. Those who acted as transmitters of the excitement produced by the series of mysterious happenings were Richard and Elsie Winthrop, disgruntled married folk on the point of separation (played by Eugene Wellesley and Anne Carew), and Charles and Peggy Murdock, a honeymoon couple (played spiritedly by Anthony Kemble Cooper and Betty Brough). W. Messenger Bellis played the part of Dr. John Sterling.

The author of the play is Arnold D. Ridley. The noise of the real train and the ghost train off stage was very convincing. As this is a mystery play it would not be fair to tell the story. Altogether these players gave a most competent performance.

W. J. J.

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Faversham in "Lord and Lady Algy"

This week at the Princess Theatre William Faversham is reviving R. C. Carton's comedy, "Lord and Lady Algy," in which he first appeared some years ago. The piece seems nowadays a trifle old-fashioned in method, it even makes occasional use of the "aside," but it remains an interesting play nevertheless, and serves as an excellent vehicle for Mr. Faversham.

Lord and Lady Algy are two people whose even temperamental attitude toward life is often satirized as typically English in the skits of American revues. They meet all the crises of life with urbanity and tranquillity and to the superficial appear of a rather cold nature as a result. Inherently, of course, they feel as deeply, or even more deeply, than the more outwardly emotional. When the play opens Lord and Lady Algy have separated agreeably, each going his and her way. They are still in love with each other, but the fact that they never bet on the same horses or like the same kind of cigarettes has convinced them that they are happier apart. The even tenor of their several ways becomes sadly disturbed, however, when Lord Algy is involved unwittingly in the projected elopement of his brother, the Marquis of Quamby, with Mrs. Brabason Tudway. Lord Algy has consented to assist his brother in the affair, not knowing the identity of the lady, and as he has already agreed to remonstrate with the wife of his best friend, Brabason Tudway, over her attachment for an unknown man, the developments are interesting, and broadly farcical. Tudway becomes suspicious that Lord Algy is actually the man in the case, and finally accuses him. Matters are at at length straightened out by the resourceful Lady Algy.

Mr. Faversham as the debonair Lord Algy has a role that fits him like a glove, playing with all that quality of refinement and distinction that have made him so popular an actor. In the amusing second act, where he turns up at the masquerade as the Duke of Marlborough with a bun on—a real one—he revels in his performance to the consequent delight of the audience. Miss Edith Campbell (Mrs. Faversham) is an excellent Lady Algy, suggested her sanity of mind and quiet determination to a splendid degree, as well as making her, physically, quite attractive. Stanley Harrison broadly exaggerates the role of the suspicious Brabason Tudway, but he adds to the laughter thereby and for that reason is to be commended. As for the remainder of the company, they fill their roles acceptably, but there is nothing outstanding in their performances.

Hal Frank

Verdi and "Falstaff"

"Though I greatly admire Verdi, I believe him to be incapable of writing a comic opera." Such was the pontifical utterance of Rossini—an utterance which Verdi deeply resented, writes John W. Klein in the "Musical Times." The composer of "Il Trovatore," indeed, emphatically declared that he had longed to write an opera of a lighter nature ever since the failure of his first attempt, "Un Giorno di Regno," but that he had never been given another chance. Even the publisher his successes had enriched, who was continually urging him to save art and the theatre by writing another opera, stood aghast at the prospect of a comic work—and perhaps his fears were not entirely unjustifiable. There is, indeed, barely a trace of a sense of humor in the maestro's early operas. The first Act of "La Traviata" and the part of the Duke of Mantua certainly show a somewhat lighter vein, and Verdi achieved a master-stroke by his dramatic humor in the compellingly ironic finale of the third Act of "The Masked Ball," but there is, nevertheless, barely a hint of the glories of "Falstaff."

Verdi was obviously influenced by the scepticism of his friends, for—shortly after the completion of the Manzoni Requiem—he somewhat ruefully exclaims: "I was thinking of writing a comic opera. A comic opera of mine would be entertaining enough, at least before it was produced." It has been erroneously supposed that Wagner's "Meistersinger" suggested the idea. In fact, the great maestro was weary of melodrama and tragedy, but only in his extreme old age could he afford the luxury of writing a comic opera. Almost immediately after the production of "Otello," wishing to experience for once at least "la goia bella" so beloved of Mozart, he writes: "After having relentlessly massacred so many heroes and heroines, I have at last the right to laugh a little." He could, however, think of no fitting comedy to set to music. The Italian Molière, Goldoni (whom he greatly admired), was too lacking in profundity, too innately cautious in dealing with delicate situations, to suit the requirements of the maestro who craved for something more frank and outspoken, more full-blooded and temperamental. He had, moreover, sought in vain a libretto in Molière and the French plays of the day, and had even—*mirabile dictu!*—thought for an instant of setting to music Labiche's grotesque farce "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon." It was "Don Quijote," however, which appealed most to him. But eventually even Cervantes' masterpiece did not strike him as being "something thoroughly, completely, and in all respects suitable."

One day, however, he discussed the matter with Boito, and expressed a desire to compose a musical comedy that would rank with Cimarosa's "Il Matrimonio Segreto" (technically a masterpiece, if little else), or even Mozart's "Don Giovanni" (which he is not supposed to have studied until the age of seventy, but the influence of which permeates a great deal of the music of the last Act of "Falstaff"). Boito listened in silence, and showed no signs of any particular interest. But in secret he forthwith set to work on Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor." Falstaff's character had always greatly fascinated him and—strange to say—he considered him spiritually akin to Iago and Mephistopheles. Shakespeare's Italian source, Giovanni Fiorentina's entertaining novelette "Peccorone," served him as an inspiration no less than the British dramatist's brilliant comedy. It seems singular that he did not—though at the time there were contradictory rumors—venture to inform Verdi of his project, fearing, no doubt, the latter's disapproval or indifference.

In July, 1889 (more than two years after the production of "Otello"), he nevertheless presented Verdi with the libretto. At first the aged maestro recoiled from the task with a cry of dismay: "Have you ever considered the enormous number of my years?" Subsequently, however, he set to work with immense gusto. Long after his death, Boito was wont to speak with tears in his eyes of Verdi's delight and enthusiasm. "Verdi enjoyed himself," he exclaimed. "How he enjoyed himself!"

On December 3, 1890, Verdi wrote to an intimate friend:

"For forty years I have longed to write a musical comedy, for more than fifty I have known "The Merry Wives." (The first idea of a "Falstaff" occurred to him in 1867; Ghislanzoni, the librettist of 'Aida,' was to write the words). Now Boito has written for me a lyrical comedy that can be compared to no other, and it causes me an immense degree of pleasure to set it to music. "Falstaff" (Verdi continues with mischievous glee) does all sorts of naughty tricks (Boito had carefully ignored the more sinister features of the fat-paunched hero, and Verdi handled him still more gently), but in a humorous way. And he is a type! Types are so rare! The opera is absolutely and entirely comic."

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There is a rich vein of melancholy in much of Falstaff's later music, and Ford's despairing soliloquy—a worthy pendant to Iago's "Credo"—is quite wrongly termed "humorously dramatic."

A few days later Verdi, indeed, declared:

"I am not writing a comic opera, I am depicting a type. My Falstaff is not merely the hero of 'The Merry Wives of Windsor,' who is simply a buffoon, and allows himself to be tricked by the women, but also the Falstaff of the two parts of 'Henry IV.' Boito has written the libretto in accordance.

In Verdi's mind there was not a moment of hesitation, not a hint of the doubt that gnawed at the heart of Nicolai, driving him to exclaim, "Only a Mozart would be worthy to set Shakespeare's 'Merry Wives' to music." The composer of "Otello" had too high an opinion of the artistic value of his music, or perhaps he had a premonition that his opera was destined to become (as Strauss has asserted) "one of the greatest masterpieces of all time," and a work of greater importance and more imaginative insight and power than Shakespeare's brilliant—if somewhat superficial—*piece d'occasion*.

Boito's amazing knack of condensation of "Falstaff" is a model of lucidity and conciseness. Boito has taken to heart Shakespeare's dictum: "Brevity is the soul of wit." On scanning his libretto, Verdi realised that here was an opportunity of writing a lyrical comedy of the most refined kind. Boito's work—compared with the libretto placed at Nicolai's disposal, a veritable masterpiece—is certainly well-planned, though the balance of dramatic action is not always as good as it might be. Descending to details (in spite of Boito's stringent system of compression, and the fact that "Falstaff" is generally considered a manifesto against the stoppage, even for an instant, of action on the stage), the first fooling of the fat-paunched hero is somewhat too slow in arriving, and the crowning exposure scarcely brings a sense of culmination, but is, indeed, a direct anti-climax, the background of the picture unexpectedly becoming the foreground. Moreover, the character-drawing—particularly in the case of Ford, who is infinitely more creditable in the Shakespearean comedy—is often somewhat poor. Even Falstaff himself—during the course of the last Act—gradually sinks into insignificance.

Boito's "Falstaff" is, moreover, full of thoughts culled from other sources. Several of these are real additions to the effectiveness of the work; but a few others are not always in the best of taste, and we may justifiably ask ourselves whether the "honor" speech—dragged in by hook and by crook from "Henry IV."—really lends itself to a musical setting. There are people who capable of considering it a masterpiece of comic verve; but it strikes me as being one of the least imaginative parts of the opera, and the slightly philosophical touch of the speech is absolutely antagonistic to Verdi's downright temperament.

The work as a whole—which was completed with amazing ease and never-failing inspiration—is, however, (apart from the final figure, which reveals an element of unexpected pedantry), certainly the nimblest and wittiest of all operas. No less an authority, however, than Grieg declares that in his comic opera Verdi's fancy no longer takes flight as formerly, and that there is something short-breathed about it; and Hanslick, who greatly preferred Nicolai's pretty opera, adds that the aged composer's masterpiece is more a work of talent than of genius (he had asserted precisely the same of Bizet's 'Carmen'!), more 'causerie' than powerful musical creation. However much we may quite frankly admit that they are not entirely devoid of truth, and that in 'Falstaff' Verdi brought, to quote Mr. Shaw, 'thought and knowledge and seriousness to the rescue of failing vitality.' Moreover, Verdi's delightful work is not merely lacking in elemental power, but also in deeper human interest, and—precisely on that account—in true greatness, and cannot therefore be considered on the same plane of achievement as its only serious rival in comic opera, 'Die Meistersinger.'

Nevertheless, how inexpressibly delicate is Verdi's touch in this work! He who was in the habit of making coarse daubs with his brush now paints with the daintiest of camel-hairs. How curiously wistful, sweet and penetrating are the short love passages of Fenton and Anne! How exquisite the transition from the chattering quartet of women! And there is an ethereal remoteness about the fairy music of the last Act, a delicacy and spirituality hitherto undreamt of by Verdi, though we may perhaps catch a glimpse of it in the final duet of 'Aida.' Music so thoroughly imbued with the very essense of the true romantic spirit had not, indeed, been penned since the days of Weber.

Strange to say, Verdi is less of a masterly character-drawer in 'Falstaff' than in the much more unequal 'Otello.' Nevertheless, the hero himself is undeniably Verdi's most admirable character-study, far surpassing, indeed, anything he had achieved before. Falstaff's sublime self-conceit is revealed, with almost incredible skill, in every bar of a music that for tantalising wit and boisterous fun in vain seeks its equal, a music so tingling and mercurial that it would have delighted even the sour Nietzche himself and, driven him to exclaim: 'Here is a morning song, so sunny, so light, so fledged and so divinely serene that it will not scare the tantrums, but rather invite them to take part in the singing and dancing.' Falstaff, indeed, seldom provokes coarse laughter; he more often awakens in us that gentle and thoughtful mirth which Meredith called 'intellectual merriment.'

The remaining characters are, however, mere thumb-nail sketches. With regard to Ford, we are often at a loss to understand whether or no Verdi expects us to take him seriously. The Ford of Nicolai is a purely comic character; the Ford of Verdi is, however, a famous fool with—strange to say—moments of astonishing power and eloquence scarcely in harmony with his real nature. Witness his monologue, of

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which Verdi has concentrated his heaviest artillery; truly a wonderfully expressive piece of declamation, wrongly termed humorously dramatic', a song more replete with the agony of jealousy than many of Otello's more pretentious outbursts. In short, Ford is neither dramatically nor musically consistent. As for the other characters, they are almost entirely devoid of interest. Even the quartet of women—in which there is a touch of the older style—is lacking in fine differentiation of character.

However, 'Falstaff' as a whole is perhaps the most delightfully sane and irresistibly humorous comic opera in existence, far surpassing Cimarosa's 'Il Matrimonio Segreto'—the model on which Verdi is supposed to have worked—and even Rossini's 'Il Barbiere di Seviglia,' and revealing a mastery of nuance not inferior to that of Mozart himself. The delightful work literally overflows with vivacity, genial ardour, and high spirits. We may well repeat Boito's dictum: 'What an inestimable boon to art when all will be able to understand it,' and we may add, prefer it to the vocal gymnastics of 'Il Trovatore' and even the Salvation Army rhythms of 'Aida.'

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OUR good friend "Old Bill" as impersonated by Syd Chaplin in Warner Bros.' "The Better 'Ole" is now starting his third week at the Regent Theatre. No finer acting has been seen in either comedy or drama than that of Syd Chaplin as the lovable war cartoon character of Bruce Bairnsfather.

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This season, as in the past, the programme chosen by Dr. Ham for the twenty-fourth annual concert of the National Chorus in Massey Hall on Thursday, January 27, consists largely of works by British composers. In fact, of the thirteen numbers chosen, ten are by British writers. The exceptions are Auguste Chapuis' "Hymn to the Sun," a seven-part choral ode, rich in those dynamic effects so admired by the Belgian and French choral masters, Palestrina's "Stabat Mater," and a Bach number to be sung by the Boy Choristers.

It is with keen pleasure that the Executive of the National Chorus of Toronto announces the engagement of the famous mezzo-contralto, Miss Jeanne Gordon, as guest artist with the Chorus for this season's concert. Sentimental as well as artistic interest attaches to Miss Gordon's engagement for she is a former pupil of Dr. Albert Ham, conductor of the National Chorus, under whom she studied for several years when a pupil at Havergal College. Dr. Ham was quick to recognize in Miss Gordon a pupil of unusual promise and rare ability, and those who recall her triumphant appearance with the Chorus in 1922 when she made her first bow to a Canadian public, since she achieved fame in the Metropolitan Opera, will never forget the rare quality of her voice, her vivid artistry, striking grace and engaging personality. Since then she has swept on to new triumphs and is recognized as one of the greatest of operatic and concert artists.

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JOSEPH SZIGETI, the Hungarian violinist who is to play on the afternoon of December 14 at Margaret Eaton Hall, under the auspices of the Women's Musical Club, has received many dedications of compositions from famous composers. Two modern concertos — those of Busoni and of Hamilton Harty—were written for him, as well as a work by Ernest Bloch and a Sonata for solo violin by Eugene Ysaye. The Ysaye work, introduced only recently by Szigeti, made a great success, and the violinist received a letter of gratitude from the composer, thanking him for his brilliant efforts in behalf of "an old minstrel."

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ROLAND HAYES, whose artistry during half a dozen years has won highest recognition in London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, and on the American continent, returns again to Massey Hall, Toronto, on Friday, January 14th. Mr. Hayes' programme consists of selections by Caldara, Galuppi, J. W. Franck, Schubert, Faure, Debussy, Santoliquido, Griffers and Slonimsky. He will also sing a number of negro spirituals.

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"SUMMER BACHELORS" with a list of Broadway stars including Walter Catlett, who deserted musical comedy to make his screen debut in this picture, Kathlene Martyn, who appeared with Catlett in "Sally," "Dear Sir" and "Lady Be Good," Charles Winninger, handsome star of "No, No, Nanette," and "Bubbles," Hale Hamilton, husband of Grace La Rue, and Broadway favorite, Cosmo Bellew, who was the English Major in "Louis the Fourteenth," Charles Esdale, who played in "Loyalties," "Quarantine" and "The Right Age to Marry," is the screen attraction booked for the Uptown theatre next week beginning on Saturday. Madge Bellamy, who established herself as the favorite jazz daughter of the day in "Sandy," is the star. Miss Bellamy dazzles with her vibrating pep, her beauty, her pulchritude and ability to reach the heights of emotional ability.

"Summer Bachelors" is the picturization of Warner Fabian's serial story and was directed by Allan Dwan.

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FOR the third week of the Faversham "Guest Star" engagement commencing next Monday evening "The Hawk," a comedy drama in three acts by the French author Francis De Crossette, originally presented in French at the Theatre Comique, Paris, France, and later adapted by Mr. Faversham and produced by him at the Shubert and Maxine Elliott theatres, New York, where it ran for a season of thirty-six weeks. The many members of the large supporting company now at the Princess Theatre will be seen and heard in unique and distinctively different characters in this oddly constructed Parisian romance. William Faversham will, of course, play the part of "The Hawk," while Edith Campbell (Mrs. Faversham) besides having an opportunity of dis-

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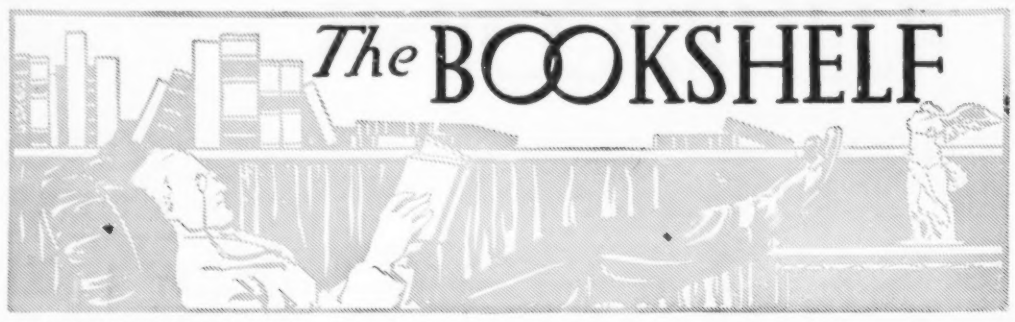

THE WISEST JUVENILE JUDGE LOVES AND UNDERSTANDS HIS "CASES"

"The Revolt of Modern Youth" by Judge Ben B. Lindsey; McLean & Smithers, Toronto; 364 pages; $3.

HAVING run through eight editions in a year, "The Revolt of Modern Youth" in its popularity proves conclusively that a tremendous section of the public is in sympathy with the efforts of its author, and anxious to learn the principles on which his far-famed juvenile court is run. In the first place, his desire is to help young people who get into trouble—not to punish them, though he occasionally has to resort to that. In the more serious cases, however, the predicament the young person is in is usually punishment enough; and if kind help is not rendered immediately the victim may face a life foredoomed to ruin. Most of his cases come to him voluntarily, often young friends bring them for advice. They tell their troubles to the Judge in absolute privacy; and no records are kept—nothing is left to stain the character after the youthful indiscretion has been remedied as best it may. Then he is always perfectly candid with them, and has won the entire confidence of his young clients; and finally he keeps faith. The result is that he gets them out of all sorts of the most desperate scrapes, sets their feet on firmer ground, and almost all of them lead happy, normal and useful lives thereafter.

The book goes into cases in great detail, fictitious names of course being used; and these cases illustrate what Judge Lindsey has found out about the ways and habits of mind of modern youth. He is a lover of Youth, and he has confidence in the ability of the youngsters of to-day to look after themselves as well, at least, as their parents looked after themselves. But he is also convinced that this revolt is not the oft repeated comedy, but a change in good earnest: rapid transit and communication allow the boys and girls of to-day a freedom in action that simply cannot be prevented, even were that wise, and that enables them to accomplish for good or evil what their parents in their youth could not accomplish. He says these young people must be reckoned with, and his extremely frank book goes far to prove his assertion.

The popularity of his book is somewhat remarkable because it is obviously a book for parents, teachers, clergymen and law administrators; and it must prove a shocking recital to many worthy people, particularly parents, teachers, clergymen and law administrators, whom, as classes, the author blames roundly for a stupid refusal to accept the blunt truth about the conditions he discusses, and who, he says, as classes, deal without intelligence or sympathy with the problems on which he is an expert. Despite his marked success throughout 26 years of practice on the bench, he claims that teachers and clergymen denounce him and supply the strongest opposition to his schemes for the bettering of moral conditions among adolescents.

He is quite insistent on saner marriage and divorce regulations, the present system furnishing one divorce for every two marriages in his country at present, and many quietly settling down without legal formalities of any sort—"because that seemed to make for a more lasting union", as one young woman put it. As to the divine sanction, he is lucid in thought and courageous in expression.

I am perfectly willing to regard Marriage as a religious rite, just as I am ready to regard a contract to pay for a suit of clothes as a religious rite. If I am honest I will pay if I can, and if I am honorable I will be a good husband to the limit of my ability. In that sense all right conduct is religious. But the theological concept of marriage, as a thing registered in heaven, where they don't have the institution among themselves by the way, is something else again. We've got to get rid of it with all speed (p. 174).

Elsewhere he drops the hint that he desires for others the same sort of happy lifelong association that he and his wife have enjoyed from their youth.

The sum of his message is that Youth will respond handsomely if treated with candor and friendliness, as responsible human beings who will do the right thing if left freedom of choice after being instructed as fully as may be as to what courses are open, and their probable consequences. He finds in his own country much that is subversive to the Liberty he recommends, denouncing the K. K. K., and recording the action of some local clergymen who tried to get a bill passed for stricter censorship; among the things proposed prohibited was "the display of women's lingerie in shop windows". Lindsey exclaims: "Now just what sort of a cesspool do you suppose that man's mind contained?" And, many pages over, is his lament over the absence of that Liberty that would make the rebellious modern youth more tractable, more ready to accept such wisdom as the older generation is able to pass on for its safe counsel:

But such principles find it hard to thrive in any but an atmosphere of freedom — by which I do not mean license, but simply a reasonable liberty of thought and action. And that, too, is a problem in enlightenment and education. At present the United States of America is, in this respect, one of the least free in the world. It seems absurd that in a country where freedom is talked and thought about and professed in season and out, there should be imposed upon individuals an absolutely crushing rule of standardization in thought, behavior and speech. It is not merely that we have traditions and conventions, but that they tyrannously concern themselves with the minutest details of our lives—and woe to him who rebels against them (p. 165).

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IN THE HEYDEY OF THE YUKON

"The Long Day" by W. S. Dill; Graphic, Ottawa; 232 pages; $2.

THE Graphic Publishers are keeping up their reputation for the production of unusual books. Their latest is not a weighty volume in any sense of the word, but its fellow does not exist. An old-timer, who seems to have spent most of his life in the Yukon indulges his passion for reminiscence of the brave days of old. Neither history nor fiction, the book is very like conversation—a conversation the more agreeable because it apparently meanders aimlessly, while managing ingenuously to hook incident to incident, and name to name, so that the narrative achieves continuity without pattern. It is easy reading, and contains a surprising amount of picturesque information about a time and place that has already become legendary, in spite of the fact that thousands still living were there.

Purposely I am withholding, so far as I can, the names of now prominent Canadians, holding public posts of responsibility and honor, who appear in the book in their own names as members of gay parties in the Dawson of their youth; but doubtless many a hand will reach for this book while its owner wonders, with conflicting emotions, whether he is named: the chances are he is, for I was amazed at the numbers of well-known individuals here recorded as denizens of the Klondike. We find Alex. Pantages, the theatre magnate, there; and Frank Gotch, the wrestler; and Tex Rickard, the fight promoter; and Marjorie Rambeau, who ran a stock company; and other celebrities literally too numerous to mention.

There is nothing to say of this book except to express reasonable enjoyment in its lively and amusing contents, and some genuine gratitude for the chance of learning more of actual conditions in the Yukon than I had gleaned from Service's poems. But speaking of poems, Tom MacInnes' "Lonesome Bar" tells the story of a woman of the town who was purchased by a Swede for her weight in gold; and on page 175 of this book I find the full circumstances set out with names as I had them from MacInnes in explanation of his poem. If the information I retail seems too diversified, the fault is not wholly the book's: I delighted in stray and incongruous facts, such as: "Between 1898 and 1905 upwards of $100,000,000 were taken from the placers of Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker, Dominion, Sulphur and their tributaries" (p. 42). And the quotation of a government report that the world's record for potato growing was made in Dawson in 1923 when a yield of 1,135 pounds was obtained from 9 pounds of seed, which reminds the author that "Rainmaker" Hatfield was in the territory in the '90's, unsuccessfully trying to produce rain under contract. "Wags said he left under a cloud" (p. 209).

Scales were in those days the most conspicuous furnishing in private houses or public establishments. Everything was balanced against the dust that formed the medium of exchange. The leaky tent, barren even of life's necessities, contained its scales; the trading companies, saloons, government offices, all prominently displayed their scales, and no kitchen was complete without them. Ladies of joy measured their favors picturesquely—by drams and ounces rather than course currency, and scales were a conspicuous adornment of such girls' rooms. Doubtless they stood beside the Bible in the vestry of the church! (p. 91).

Life ran strong and free: it is impossible to read a chapter without something of the thrill of its exuberance being communicated; and strangely it is not in the riotous scenes in the bars, nor the excitement of rich discoveries that this is so evident as in the cheapness in which money was held. Not only were fortunes made and lost rapidly, but even the poorest were prodigal with the dust that was too plentiful to have anything like normal value. Yet along with that recklessness the author confirms many previous statements to the effect that a rough sort of law and order was adequately maintained, and the administration of justice was almost perfect.

Charles Macdonald, for many years Clerk of the Court, or Prothonotary, at Dawson (now Sheriff of Vancouver) made an unofficial calculation in 1908 that the number of murders in the Yukon Territory, from the date of the "discovery" of '96 to 1908, was 19, for which 19 men had been hanged. During the same period, in the neighboring Alaska, 50 men had been murdered and not a single murderer had been hanged! (p. 224).

The explanation is given on the following page in the case of one O'Brien, a murderer who escaped, was followed all over the world, found working on a railway in Australia, brought back to Canada and hanged. In all, this cost the Canadian government $100,000, and "Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, then Minister of Justice, said on the floor of the House of Commons, 'it was money well spent'."

William Arthur Deacon

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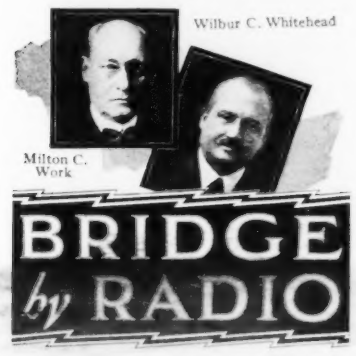

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"ME—and PETER"
An appreciation by Rev. John McLean, M.A., LL.B., Ph.D., D.D.
(Allen, Toronto; $2)

AS I read this latest production from Robert Watson's brain, I became so fascinated that the hours sped on, under the spell of a delightful book; charming in its episodes, rich in pawky humor; and I was a ragged urchin again, rambling through the streets of Glasgow, so poverty stricken that I had not a farthing to my name, still happy in my freedom, and whistling because I could not help it.

Although it is a story of two Scottish laddies, there runs through its pages so faithful a delineation of boy character, so human and universal in its appeal, that the scenes could be changed and placed in almost any city in the world. The picture of "Me's" mother is full of tender pathos, worthy to stand by Whistler's great painting of his mother. There is a revelation of comradeship, of the joys and sorrows of childhood. It is reminiscent of Bell's "Wee Macgreegor", Ian Maclaren's "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," and Crockett's "Stickit Minister", and those who find pleasure in Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn", will enjoy this delightful book.

"Me—and PETER" is a jolly book, clean and wholesome; and every reader will be the better for perusing it.

It is a great book for boys, and a good one for old men.

Books Received

Hasty comment, pertinent and impertinent

Gilbert and Sullivan by A. H. Godwin (Dent, Toronto, $1.75). With an enthusiastic introduction by G. K. Chesterton, this book is a full and frank discussion of the plays produced at the Savoy Theatre out of the genius of Gilbert and Sullivan. The plays are analysed and criticized from several angles—their humor, their plots and their music, and most important, their causes and their significance in a study of the Victorian age. Besides a few chapters of hints for actors, there is many a casually dropped fact that will assist materially in the adequate interpretation of these light operas.

Young Anarchy by Sir Philip Gibbs (Doran, New York, $2). This novel is sub-titled: "a challenge to the intolerance of yesterday and to-day," and is based on a study of—to steal a phrase from Judge Lindsey — the revolt of modern youth. It is significant that England and Colorado should face the same problems, and investigators so far apart should profess the same views.

Canadian Almanac 1927 (Copp Clark Co., Toronto, $3.50). The latest edition of this old and useful office guide to all sorts of information from the Senate of Canada to eclipses is, of course, bigger and more reliable than its predecessors; and it is even a trifle more entertaining, as it contains a colored map of the Dominion, which is a welcome relief from the lists of post offices and flag stations.

The Silent Zone by Annie Charlotte Dalton (The Author, 5012 South Granville St., Vancouver, $1.75). This collection contains some of Mrs. Dalton's best poetry, and at her best she is very good indeed. It is also a crusader sort of book—the championship of the deaf against the jokes which are often their misfortune's only recognition. A beautiful piece of book-making, it is limited to 200 numbered and autographed copies: so those who want it better write early. Those suffering under the affliction of deafness are responding eagerly to Mrs. Dalton's thorough comprehension of their plight. Part of the volume is composed of "The Ear Trumpet," which Ryerson's published as a Chap-Book last fall, and which was soon sold right out.

The Miracle of Roses by Alice M. Winlow (The Author, 1432 Haro St., Vancouver, $1.75). A short play and a collection of poems by one of the newer writers on the B.C. Coast, who has certainly done some lovely work. It is interesting to note that within the last six months three Vancouver authors have become their own publishers.

Saved from the Waste-Basket

W. T. Allison's visit to Toronto to see his brother resulted in a pleasant meeting; and reminded me that one of the typesetters in the Winnipeg "Tribune" recently made Dr. Allison say, in the course of a review: "The priest set about to exercise the devil in her" * * * Lloyd Roberts is out lecturing in Vancouver; and the accumulating mail on my desk addressed to Dr. G. Frederick Clarke makes me think that worthy will heave into sight soon * * * The publishing business seems to be thriving. Shortly after going through the fashionable crush that marked the formal opening of Aldine House, J. M. Dent's new premises on Bloor Street, I was invited to assist at a house-warming for McLean & Smithers, whose single year as Canadian representatives of Boni & Liveright has been so successful that they have been forced into new and quite palatial quarters at 170 Bay St. The entertainment there was less formal than at Aldine House, but represented the height of hospitality, and was entirely memorable. Both partners had bought new hats for the occasion, and Mr. Clapp, Boni & Liveright's sales manager, was up from New York to convey the parental blessing from that firm. Both partners enjoy wide popularity and public confidence; and of course we are all glad to see them doing well, even if they do waste their money on sporty new hats * * * Archdeacon Armitage, author of "The Story of the Canadian Revision of the Prayer Book," recently performed a marriage ceremony in the Halifax home of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, and recalled the fact that this house, "Emscote," was the birthplace of Joseph Howe. * * * Emily Murphy, author of "Open Trails," has presented a large silver cup for competition among the girls' hockey clubs of Edmonton * * * One Christmas remembrance brings me sorrow as well as pride: "A Tribune-Telegraph Quarto—No. IV. Burnaby." This lovely booklet, written and printed by Louis Blake Duff of Welland, is probably the last of his remarkable series since he has retired from Canadian journalism * * * Frank M. Chapman, bird authority of the New York Museum of Natural History, has presented a copy of "Jack Miner and the Birds" to another bird lover, Lord Grey of "Fallodon," whose chapters on birds in the "Fallodon Papers" ensure his enjoyment of Miner's book * * * My feeling that I am a modern knight-errant, going about redressing human wrongs, is tempered by the knowledge that often it is my own wrongs I am seeking to undo. Here cometh Frederick Philip Grove complaining about my note in the last Literary Section, and daring me to print his letter:

My Dear Mr. Deacon,

Yes, I like the "Section," and more especially did I like your "Editorial" which says a thing I have been wanting to say for some time.

Re the announcement on page 2, I have half a mind to issue a denial, for I am doing my darndest to disguise the autoblographical nature of the yarn. If I were not laid up, having to dictate all things that need to be typed with no typist but my wife, who is teaching school to provide the wherewithal for the daily bread which she cooks in her spare time, when she is not busy nursing me or bringing up two children or sewing pyjamas for me or dresses for the kids I should have rewritten the whole thing in the 3rd person. By the way, I have only one kid of my own, the other one is a niece living with us.

And now, if you are a man, print this letter to set your blunder right. The "Search for America" is fiction, man, sucked under tortures out of my suffering brain. And don't you dare deny it. You may smile when you assert it; but that is all.

Yours sincerely,

F. P. GROVE.

* * * The Poetry Society announces that E. J. Pratt, author of "Titans," will read his own poems in Victoria College, January 11th, at 8.15 p.m. The public is invited. Members tickets 50c, others $1. This is the second and last public recital scheduled for the season 1926-27.

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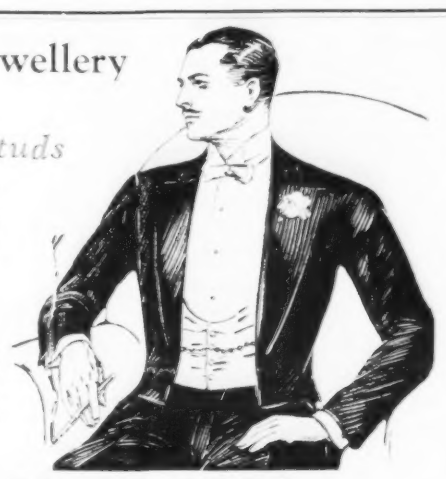

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(Signed) EDWARDS, MORGAN & CO.,
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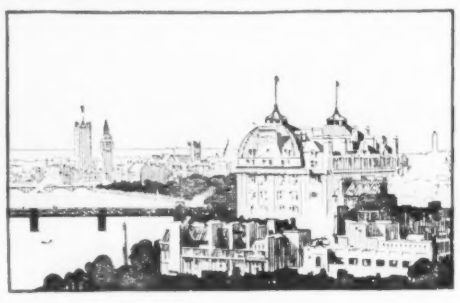

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FEW novelties of recent years have caught the popular fancy like all colored shows and 4-11-44 which comes to the Gayety next week begins a new era in these. It is very difficult to find sufficient good material for the comedians in an all-colored show, and Hurtig and Seamon, the producers of 4-11-44 went to considerable expense to provide exceptional opportunities for their "find," Eddie Hunter, with the result that Hunter has been hailed as a second Bert Williams wherever the show has played.

Few dancers of any nationality or color can outdance the negro, but it is not always easy to fill a chorus of these and have attractiveness as well. Thirty brown skin shebas of the creole type adorn the ensemble of 4-11-44 however. Grayce Rector, the primma donna, has a sweet lyric soprano voice to croon Southern ballads, while Nina Hunter, who, by the way, appeared at the Palladium in London and "How Come" in New York, leads the jazziest of Jazz numbers.

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HARRY FOX, vaudeville headliner, musical comedy star and movie picture player, is again in the two-a-day and will appear at Shea's Hippodrome next week. Harry Fox in the last few years has become one of the theatre's most popular players. His unique and original style of comedy has won a wide following. For his present sojourn in the two-a-day, Mr. Fox is assisted by Beatrice Curtis, a clever and charming young woman.

Another of the specialties to be presented by Mr. Shea is Glenn and Richards in "The Test," a comedy playlet, featuring Josephine Fontaine and Johnnie Dunn.

According to Val Harris and Vera Griffin the Sheik is not a modern production, but he existed as far back as '61.' Facts play no part in farce, so accuracy of this statement does not matter. What does matter is the fact that Val Harris is an exceedingly good rube comedian and in the "Sheik of '61" as a "sod buster" of that period.

Another great attraction is Erakson. He has mystified all Europe. He is a magician, inasmuch as any person who deceives must be called a magician, but he is a prestidigitator of an entirely new kind and unusual merit. In addition he is a comedian of the first waters, and there is nothing mystifying about his comedy. Brooks and Ross, tenor and baritone with piano. They both have real voices and use them to exceptional advantage in harmony singing. To complete the program there will be an athletic turn by the Flying Hartwells. They have toured all over the world and are generally considered one of the most expert of all foreign gymnast acts.

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A PLAY by Justice Joseph Sabath, of Chicago, entitled "Trial Divorce" will be presented by Mrs. Henry B. Harris in Chicago on January 7. It is being staged by Willard Mack.

VAUGHAN GLASER, himself, will fill the role of "Charlie's Aunt" at the Victoria Theatre this coming week starting Monday.

So it is not a difficult proposition to realize the droll interpretation that "Charlie's Aunt' will receive. Vaughan personally has a keen sense of humor and can enter into the spirit of fun demanded of any role in a most inimitable way.

The story of "Charlie's Aunt" is really one of the funniest, including as it does a most complex mix-up getting people into most embarrassing positions, the drollest imaginable. It is so well-known that it is not necessary to repeat it here. It is sufficient to say that Vaughan Glaser himself will appear as "Charlie's Aunt" from Brazil.

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THE St. Aidan's Dramatic Club presented a two-act revue, "The Beach Combers," at the St. Aidan's Memorial Hall recently. Songs, dances and skits made up the program, and while the show had several weak spots the audiences found it generally entertaining. The production was under the direction of Mr. "Jock" Simpson.

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THE new Frank Craven play in rehearsal for A. L. Erlanger, entitled "Money from Home," it now turns out, is nothing less than Mr. Craven's "Coal Oil Jenny" masking under a new title. This piece, written around the picturesque figure who helped make Broadway history, was played with gratifying success for six weeks at the Blackstone Theatre in Chicago this fall.

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A NEW producing group is soon to make its debut on Broadway with the presentation of "The Right to Love," a play by Stanley Logan and Carl Hunt.

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CARL CARLETON'S musical show, opened as "The Lace Petticoat," at the Forrest Theatre on January 3.

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"PADRE" is the title chosen for the Leo Carillo comedy which opened at the Ritz under the direction of William A. Brady recently. The play is an adaptation of the French best-seller, "Mon Curé Chez Les Riches," which tells of the adventures of a provincial priest in the field of local politics.

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PHILIP MERIVALE will play opposite Jane Cowl in "The Road to Rome," by Robert E. Sherwood. Lester Lonergan is now directing rehearsals.

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EXULTANT at the long run of Myron Fagan's "The Little Spitfire," B. F. Witbeck, its producer, is planning to present three more pieces by the same playwright this spring — "Seducing Jimmy," "Power," and "The Fascinating Devil."

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PHILIP GOODMAN announces that next year he will do a musical comedy called "Under the Tent," dealing with circus life, by Clark and McCullough, the stars of his current entertainment.

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"THE Arabian Nightmare," by David Tearle and Dominick Colazzi, now ready for its launching in Mamaroneck will have its premiere in the Cort Theatre on January 10.

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AN unconfirmed report is that Elsie Ferguson will return to the New York stage soon under the management of the Brothers Riskin in a play by Dorrance Davis called "The Bitten Biting."

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THE Theatre Guild has bought for production some time this season Turgeniev's "A Month in the Country."

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REHEARSALS began recently under direction of Hassard Short of the new Mary Eaton show (still unnamed) to be produced by Charles Dillingham. Also in the cast will be Walter Catlett, Richard (Skeets) Gallagher and Santley and Sawyer.

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BILLIE BURKE, it is rumored, is soon to appear in a new confection by Zoe Akins.

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HELEN RODIN, said to be related to the famous French sculptor, and a singer from the revue halls of Paris, is now in New York, playing in "Gay Paree."

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WILLARD MACK will again be starred in a play of his own writing when the Metropolis Producing Company (represented by Wallace Munro, formerly associated with Mrs. Henry B. Harris) presents him in "Honor Be Damned" in January.

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THE new John B. Hymer-Samuel Shipman play, "Crime," to be produced by A. H. Woods, will be directed by Guthrie McClintic and will have Jack Halliday for its principal player. Mr. McClintic is scheduled to begin rehearsals soon for the Actors' Theatre, of which he is now general commandant, on "Saturday's Children," by Maxwell Anderson, but this will not be the first time that he has put two plays into shape simultaneously.

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THE Mayor of St. Pancras, Councillor, F. C. A. Gurney, at the Highgate Welfare Centre, in Raydon Road, Highgate, recently opened an artificial sunlight cure centre. The sunlight lamp has been presented by the "Save the Children Fund," and the expenses of the installation and maintenance are being paid by the St. Pancras Borough Council, the first municipal enterprise of its kind. "The two emanation treatments—X-rays, and these new bottled sunlight lamps—look like opening a wonderful era," said Sir Alfred Fripp, "in which so much of the slashing we surgeons have been doing will become unnecessary. It looks as if all cases of surgical tuberculosis, to give only one instance, will never need to be operated on if these preventive measures are adopted." Professor Leonard Hill, who is directing the lamps, said that he had suggested to the Hampstead Council that during the winter some of these lamps should be installed in the public baths, and that two or three times a week all the school children should attend arc-light baths, and in the lightest possible clothes, dance around the lamps.

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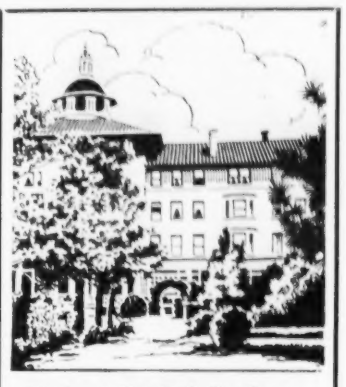

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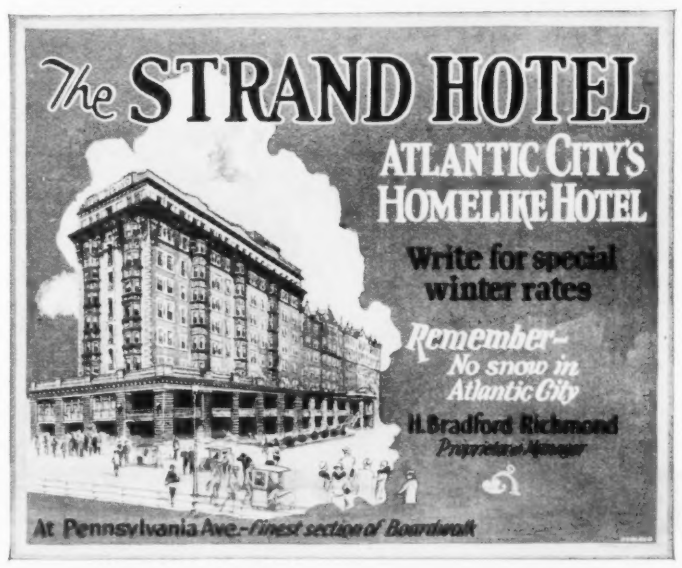

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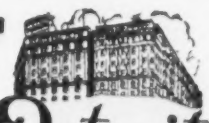

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IN LOOKING over the articles which have appeared in this column during the past few weeks, I realize that I have somehow lost sight of the original idea. I started off to write a series of "travel help" articles, instead of which I have been running to comment and exhortation. This week I shall exhort again, and first will quote C. B. Foster, a Montreal railroad man who has just returned from an extensive tour of the West and the United States: "It is mere head-in-the-sand foolishness to ignore the fact that Canada, like every other temperate zone country, has four seasons. We make much, and rightly so, of the Canadian Spring, Summer and Fall, and we extol with every reason the Dominion's fishing, hunting and scenic advantages. Why should we not tell the world that the Canadian Winter is what it is—a season of the keenest exhilaration and the finest health-giving qualities if it is put to its completest use?" Mr. Foster pointed out that for many years those interested in immigration were strongly opposed to the encouragement of winter sports, ice palaces or anything of that nature, as they felt it would have a deterrent effect on immigration. All this feeling has, he declared, passed away, and the Canadian public are beginning to realize, after others have done so, that the Canadian winter is an asset, that it is healthy and vigorous, and something to tell the world about. Winter travel and sport in Canada is, as Mr. Foster suggested, becoming increasingly popular, and it is very pleasing for a lot of us to note that organizations which foster these two things are receiving whole-hearted support all round. The C. P. R. formerly avoided all mention of Canada's "white mantle" in its advertising literature. Now it sponsors winter sports all across the Dominion. Quebec is as busy in February as in July and August. The Laurentians are flooded with ski enthusiasts who pour through Montreal and Ottawa. Toronto is developing a winter sport resort at Preston, and yesterday I received a circular from another summer resort at Muskoka Beach which is now catering to the winter holiday-maker. Winnipeg, Calgary, Revelstoke and Vancouver each has its specialized forms of winter sport endeavor. All the enthusiasm which is being evinced for the snow and ice pastimes is extremely gratifying, particularly as by taking more interest ourselves, we naturally influence others to come and join us from abroad or across the border line.

One who has much to do with rail ticketing informs me that Canadian bookings to Florida are not twenty-five per cent. of what they were last year. Far many more, however, are leaving for California, although a very large difference is in favor of Canadian winter resorts. There must be some psychological reason for this but it has not yet been discovered. The hurricane might have turned a number from Florida, but if these had been bent on travel abroad they would have gone somewhere else. It must be that our Canadian winter is becoming more respected and appreciated.

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C. S. F., Minaki. You will be surprised to know that if you book your rail fare through New Orleans, the motor trip over the Apache Trail may be included for an additional ten dollars. You would leave New Orleans before noon and arrive at Globe in the evening of the second day. The motors leave Globe at 9 a.m., arriving at Phoenix 5.20 p.m., and an easy connection gets you into Los Angeles the following morning. Any baggage you do not require may be checked right through, but a reasonable amount may be carried through on the bus. Would suggest the usual spring weight of clothing.

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C. B., Thorold. The places you mention might be better termed "ranch resorts!" The life you lead there will altogether depend upon yourself. As one of them advertises, it offers a "boots and saddle" existence for those who want it. Glenn Ranch house has electric lights and the conveniences of a modern home—private baths and all that sort of thing for from $3.00 to $6.00 per day. Housekeeping tents are from $10.00 to $16.00 per week, exclusive of meals. They go in for dances, tennis and pool, etc. The auto stage from San Bernardino is $2.50. "Wheelers" is a ranch resort in Ventura County, in the Santa Barbara National Forest and may be reached by stage from Ojai. It might be a little more rugged than the other. "Wheelers" has guides for mountain trips, about forty horses and an open air swimming-pool which is rather featured. From this, after your experience at Kananashin, you will be able fairly well to figure out the kind of people you might meet. If you kept a copy of your letter—paragraph 3, most decidedly not!

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Mother, Toronto. Of course you will be apt to find the trains crowded at New Years and there is no doubt but that other passengers would be annoyed. Where the child's health is concerned there can be no excuse for your making the journey against the physician's orders. I certainly cannot make any recommendations.

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Reader, Stoughton. The island itself would be delightful and you could not find a better place to spend the time at your disposal, but while it might be adventurous I do not think you would get quite so much pleasure out of the coasting trip at this time of the year. Any time after May 15th it is a different proposition. However, making Victoria your headquarters, you should get a little good fishing—grilse in the salt water, with a chance for spring salmon and steelhead in non-tidal waters. Write Frank Giolma, Victoria Publicity Bureau.

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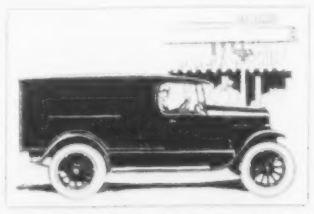

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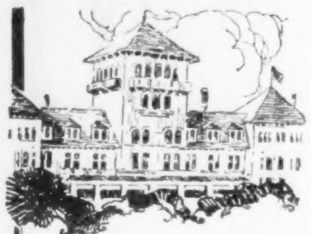

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For the visitor who does not wish to go far afield for his winter holiday there are many points nearer to the cities where the joys of outdoor life may be experienced. Limberlost Lodge and Camp Billie Bear in the Huntsville district of Ontario are already favorite resorts with many Ontario people who favor winter holidays, and here all forms of winter sports activities are followed. The Laurentian Mountains also attract many people during the winter months and several hotels within easy reach of both Montreal and Quebec have announced that they will be open this winter to cater to men and women who find enjoyment on the ski and snowshoe trail in Canada during the winter months.

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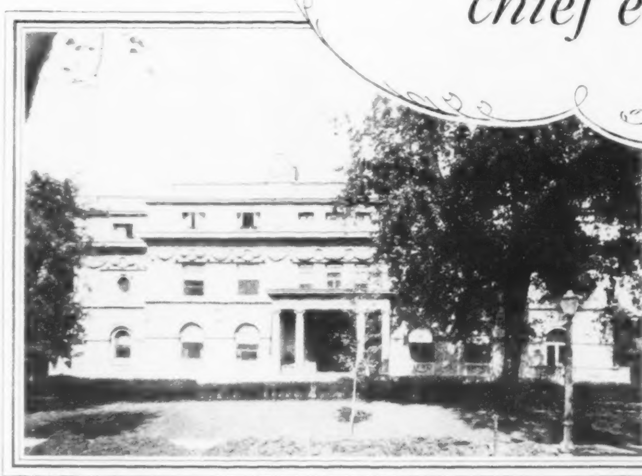

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How Albertans are Being Bilked

Details of Two High Pressure Promotions in Edmonton, the Alberta Refineries, Ltd., and the Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Ltd.—Provincial Blue Sky Laws Helpless Because Companies Obtained Dominion Charters—Fantastic Newspaper Advertising and Pictures of More or Less Visionary Plants Helped to Sell Stock

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THERE must be some smooth artists at work in Alberta when their picturesque literature induces a bright young man to come all the way from California—to get stung. The writer had always been under the impression that the Pacific Coast was not lacking in investment opportunities, but for once at least oily tongued prairie promoters seem to have offered more attractive bait. In this particular case rather an amazing story has been related to SATURDAY NIGHT about two Edmonton companies, both promoted, it seems, by the same inspiring influences. They are the Alberta Refineries, Limited, and the Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited. Stock in both has been unloaded on western people through carefully trained salesmen, backed by fantastic newspaper copy, illustrated with wholly visionary head office plants which would do justice to Pittsburg itself. It is also illuminating to note that these companies have operated thus far by the grace of Dominion charters, which gives them a license to ride rough-shod over the protective provincial Sale of Shares Acts. In view of the fact that other inquiries have come to SATURDAY NIGHT probably the most effective enlightenment may be given by publishing the hectic details, as supplied by the above mentioned gentleman, who did a little digging on his own behalf as a new shareholder. His letter was addressed to the editor of "Gold and Dross", and in part has this to say:

"I came to Edmonton from the Coast to check over progress made in oil drilling in Northern Alberta. Attracted by reports of an important strike in Ribstone, and by the advertising of Alberta Refineries Limited, stock in the newspapers, I had a block of this stock passed off on me.

"Ribstone gives every promise of a real oil field; its future is largely in the hands of the Imperial Oil Company; but the Alberta Refineries, Limited, is just about the crudest steal I have ever seen put over.

"Mr. A. H. Anderson comes up from the States and floats Alberta Refineries, Limited, and sells out his promotion stock to the Edmonton suckers for ten thousand dollars, after pocketing a fat brokerage commission on all stock sales made to the public, under a Dominion charter.

"Anderson brings with him Mercer, a refinery expert, to build and operate the plant, which is to use Wainwright crude of 18 degrees gravity-top gasoline and sell the residue to the Canadian National — and make the shareholders millions.

"The plant is constructed in South Edmonton. I have been all over the Western States, and witnessed the feeble efforts of local capitalists, trying to buck the 'big fellows' by building and operating a local refinery, but never have I seen anything so crude and brazen as the contrivance built by Anderson and Mercer (since quarrelled), and called an oil refinery. My description you could not publish. Get a report on it by an oil expert and satisfy yourself. It is a fake! It is a steal!

"Of course, the Wainwright crude cannot be used in any quantity, and I was unable to ascertain the exact number of cars that have been shipped from Wainwright. They have been paying freight on Montana crude, boiling off a brand of gasoline called 'Pep,' advertising a tractor fuel, and what has been done with the residue I could not find out. It is sufficient to say they must meet the keenest competition, and are losing money on every car of oil (crude) brought to this refinery. The bluff has been kept up on fresh sales of stock.

"I am advised that stock subscribers have paid into this company $70,000. Anyone could scour the junk heaps of Edmonton and duplicate this 'Refinery' for ten thousand dollars, and blush over the profits.

"Anderson, an American Swede himself, features Swanson in his promotion. Swanson has made considerable money, I am advised, on Canadian National Railway contracts, and was used as the come-on man. Anderson got him into the clear, and Swanson now holds little, if any, Refinery stock. I doubt if he paid for what stock he held.

"I called on Anderson at his office in the Bank of Toronto building. He is now promoting the *Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited*, and has advertised fake and distorted cuts in the newspapers of a defunct country foundry, known as the Edmonton Iron Works, before it received the Anderson touch. This foundry, under proper management, I am advised, had a modest business in general foundry work, repair work, and a demand for a patented plough, which it manufactures; or, I should say, assembles.

"No kick on Anderson picking up a defunct company and putting it on its feet, or promoting it as a foundry, with a reasonable stock issue. But it must be big stuff for Anderson —a steel mill, or something that 'just ain't, or can't be.' You get the Refinery touch again in the steel mill. Why tell you about the steel business in Canada?

"Swanson is again to the front as president of the Steel Mill. So far as I know he has no money in the company—just his name. I understand he has loaned the directors ten thousand dollars, and holds their note. Ten thousand will be eaten up in promotion and pay-rolls. Swanson and Anderson may take the plant in payment of note, because the balance of the directors are not worth ten thousand dollars. Swanson and Anderson could then take the public's money, call a meeting of the sucker shareholders, and sell out to them control of the Steel Company, possibly by proxy.

"It would be just the Refinery duplicated—petty larceny promotion, as it is done in Minnesota amongst the rural Swedes. Don't overlook the point that when this bird is selling steel mills stock to the public, the 'little fellow' is buying, and his money will be used to buy out Anderson and Swanson; but this trip it will be a get-away purse for Anderson.

"I am leaving here for California. I have followed the oil game for twenty years; sometimes get caught, and sometimes make a little. I have no axe to grind. My refinery stock came to me in a trade, and I'll lose nothing on it. I came here and saw the play, and pass it on to you.

"You have in Alberta an oil field that is going to solve Canada's oil problem, and I hate to see it gummed up in this way. If the people of Edmonton had put $70,000 into test wells in Ribstone, Viking or Wainwright, they would have done a real good, with a fair gamble ahead of them. But a cheap promoter, milking them to put up a boiler and a tin-can, and call it a refinery, is not going to help out Edmonton in the development of its undefined oil field.

"In Canada I read SATURDAY NIGHT and buy it when I can in the States. You have cleaned up a number of slimy objects, so do not overlook Anderson. My opinion is that Alberta would to-day be a big oil producer if it were not for cheap and dishonest promotions. I'll look for action in your paper. Investigate! K. M. W."

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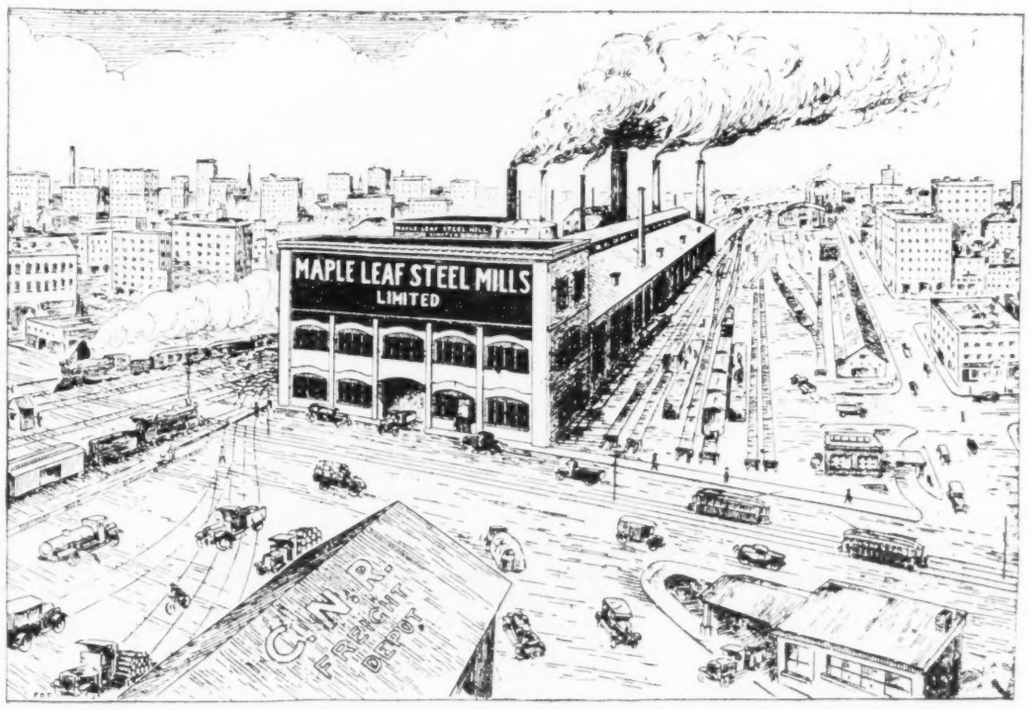
SATURDAY NIGHT did investigate the authenticity of the amazing revelations outlined, and finds that the points made are substantially correct. One reputable authority in Edmonton advises the writer that he has to admit that "this man has covered the situation very well indeed, and must have gone to considerable pains when delving into the affairs of these companies to bring out the information he has done."

The writer has also been informed that not so long ago Mr. Anderson told some Edmonton business men that he had got the Alberta Refineries in such a position that they would have to buy him out. Anderson, it is said, at the same time intimated that he had received $10,000 in cash, and 2,000 shares of common stock, which he later unloaded on the Alberta public.

Disinterested machinery men, competent to make a fair valuation of the refinery plant, claim that the whole thing could have been built for at least $15,000. On the other hand, our information is that Mr. Wraithen, who is interested in the promotion of this company and contracted the plant for them, did so on the arrangement that he was to be paid $85,000.



Bird's eye view of the "Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited," and Edmonton business district, as itinerant promoters would have Western investors see it. This was published in the Edmonton "Journal" on October 9th, 1926. Even this is very conservative, however, when compared with the illustration on the company's stock-selling prospectus.

Taking into consideration the commission paid salesmen, claimed to be as high as 35 per cent.; the $10,000, the 2,000 shares of common stock given Anderson; the difference between $15,000 and $85,000, and the fact that salesmen took in exchange for stock other securities much above their market values, to say nothing about what promoters got, some idea may be gained as to the quality of badly watered assets.

If shareholders wish to safeguard any chance of saving their money joint action should be taken without delay, by securing the services of the best legal firm in Edmonton, under orders to take whatever course is considered necessary.

It has been suggested that Mr. Swanson is beginning to realize into what dangerous channels he has drifted, and is seeking safer anchorage. Unfortunately, it is now rather late for such a move.

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MUCH the same confirmatory information was given the writer about the Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited, when in Edmonton. This is nothing more or less than a spectacular stock-selling effort to resuscitate a small bankrupt machinery and repair shop, which had been doing a real local service until the management ran short of money necessary to carry on. In fact, it is not so long ago that negotiations to sell were being carried on with a Calgary firm, which had been more successful in much the same line. It is said the deal fell through, largely because the Calgary management had not available a practical man to take over the Edmonton plant and carry on the work. There is a field for a small plant like that; but as a great steel industry, as pictured by outside promoters, it is neither sound nor practicable. The wonder is that any Alberta newspaper would carry such advertising, with its fraudulent illustrations—bearing in the mind the purpose intended,—so far as their readers are concerned. Surely there is not a westerner, with iron and steel experience, who would endorse such a proposition.

The writer has too much respect for the patience and intelligence of SATURDAY NIGHT readers to discuss seriously the many amazing claims of these promoters in an effort to persuade people to part with their money for stock. As an example in one advertisement in a Lusland paper, it is stated that the Alberta Refineries, Limited, made a net profit of $28,000 in one month, by refining 9,800 barrels of crude oil. To accomplish this the plant only ran about one-fifth of its capacity. Too bad it was not running full blast. On the same basis the net profit would then have been $140,000—and it is intimated they are going to do better than that. This is vouched for by three rural shareholders, *after personal investigation*. And yet stock is being peddled around the country at $10 per share preferred, with one common thrown in for good luck. Some promoters are so very, very generous.

Naturally there is a reason for such announcements. Referring to Alberta Refinery operations in Saskatchewan, a Luseland citizen writes SATURDAY NIGHT: "The above company is doing a big business in this town and district —*not in selling oil, but in the selling of their stock.*" Obviously that is the main ambition.

And then, probably to open wider avenues, still another "million dollar company" has been formed, known as the Refineries Distributors, Limited, with John L. Mercer, as president. This separate company appears to have been deemed necessary, as distributors for the Alberta Refineries, Limited. The public are also being let in on this, on the basis of 90,000 preference shares of $10 each, and 100,000 common shares of $1.00 each. The promoters certainly were not lacking in long distance visions.

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BUT there is another very serious angle to this situation, which involves the policy of the Ottawa government during the last three years, in spite of repeated appeals from the attorneys-general of the prairie provinces. As previously stated in SATURDAY NIGHT, various Canadian appeal courts have decreed that provincial legislation governing the Sale of Shares Act—which rendered such meritorious public service in Western Canada for many years—is ultra vires, so far as Dominion chartered companies are concerned. The King Administration has declined to pass any remedial or co-operative legislation, which would restore the living force of these acts in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Why? The various farmer groups at Ottawa might render worth while service by finding out, and fighting for a badly needed remedy. Had the Alberta Sale of Shares Act been enforceable the above condition, and many similar, would never have materialized.

Perhaps the cabinet ministers do not appreciate how such games are played, though it hardly seems possible, so the writer is going to "dedicate" a brief preliminary historical review of the above to Premier King, Hon. Mr. Dunning, Hon. Mr. Stewart and Hon. Mr. Motherwell, the four ministers who presume specially to protect and guard the good name and public interests of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Here are the early facts about the above promotions, before safety was sought through a Dominion charter, as gathered by SATURDAY NIGHT, so there may be a clear understanding as to the ins and outs of such things:

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LET'S deal first with the Alberta Refineries, Limited. According to records checked up it seems that one John L. Mercer landed in Edmonton from Montana some time in 1923. At least he appeared before the Public Utility Board in December of that year, and volunteered to the commissioners the information that *he thought the only money to be made in oil was in the refinery business.* He put his whole proposition before the board, and told of his arrangement with the Montana concern, which was to supply him with crude oil to be refined in Edmonton. He planned to erect a $100,000 plant. He had no financial interest in the concern himself. In fact, it seems at the time he had not decided definitely whether to build in Edmonton or Saskatoon.

The board heard his proposition, and asked him to file certain statements with them. Later Mercer came back, and asked the board if they could loosen up on their regulations. The board refused. Mr. Mercer was advised that their inclinations were to tighten up on them. Mercer never did file the statements. Finally it was made known to the board that he was going ahead with the selling of stock, on a Dominion Charter. He suggested that it would have been much nicer to be backed by the sanction of the Alberta board, but Ottawa had paved the way. Finally it was discovered that Mercer was endeavoring to peddle the proposition for property and trackage between the Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway. Finally the Canadian National Railway turned him down flat for trackage. He finally made a deal with the city for property on Canadian Pacific Railway trackage on the south side. The plant is now operating in only a small way, as above indicated.

Evidently the Public Utility Board were not favorably impressed with either the big money-making refinery or Mercer's ability to handle it. On the other hand Ottawa had no such concern.

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NOW we come to the Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited. Last year officials of the Edmonton Iron Works, which is an old Edmonton plant, operating largely as a repair shop, came to the Public Utility Board with an application to place on sale $10,000 worth of stock. It was represented that this was for the purpose of tiding the company over certain financial difficulties. The board granted this application. The company was able only to dispose of $2,000; and, under the regulations, was asked to return, and did return, the money to the purchasers of stock. At the time the iron works submitted a financial statement which was anything but impressive.

The company owed the city sinking fund a huge sum, the bank about $6,800, and some $16,000 covering current liabilities and so on. It was to meet certain partial payments on these liabilities, and keep the plant running, that the company had requested permission to sell stock. But the stock-selling fell through, the money was returned, and the company later re-organized.

This was the point at which, it seems, Mr. A. H. Anderson entered the picture, at least officially. Then followed the tragedy of a Dominion charter, embodying a national privilege to sell stock promiscuously to the poor old public—to save a financially embarrassed little machine-repair plant. But, with the Anderson touch, it soon blossomed in the Edmonton daily papers—the "Journal" at any rate—as the "gigantic Maple Leaf Steel Mills, Limited" and, according to one hectic piece of illustrated literature,—"provide the Edmonton capital with a steel plant, which is to revolutionize the industrial life of Western Canada."

Another promotion gem, which shone in the Edmonton daily, classed this rejuvenated little repair mill as "The nucleus of a great Edmonton steel industry"—"equipped to supply the iron and steel wants of Western Canada." "*Pioneering enterprise* had developed these and crystallized them into a tangible and definite opportunity"—at least, so A. H. Anderson advised the Alberta investing public

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Unlisted Securities' Market for 1926

A. J. PATTISON JR. & CO., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Montreal Stock Exchange, in reviewing the year 1926, say:

"*Examining the Bond List*, we find that prices have generally improved, and about the only exceptions are the Second Mortgage 5% Bonds of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the 6% Debentures of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company. Both these securities are at the time in default of the interest covering the last twelve months. Recent reports would indicate that business has for some time with them steadily improved and it would not be unreasonable to expect that these securities would or should gradually do better. At any rate, they present an interesting speculation around present prices.

Looking over the list of Unlisted Stocks for 1926 and comparing it with that of 1925, it will be seen that the general trend of the market has been upward, with many remarkable gains and rather few recessions. Cockshutt Plow is up 20 points per share and recently sold as high as $80.00. British American Oil has advanced from 48 to 82.

English Electric has appreciated, closing 14 points over a year ago. Goodyear Tire has been in good demand at $80.00 per share, which is 25 points higher. These four stocks are representative of the list in general and their price movement is indicative of the return to nearly normal industrial conditions and better times.

UNLISTED INDUSTRIAL STOCKS

	1925 Bid	1925 Ask	1926 Bid	1926 Ask
Alta. Pac. Grain Com. (old)	$100.00	$175.00	$ 85.00	$ 87.00 (new)
Alta. Pac. Grain Pref. (old)	101.00	104.00	18.00	21.00 (new)
Belding Corticelli Com.	75.00	80.00	85.00	90.00
Belding Corticelli Pref.	93.50	97.00	100.00	102.00
British American Oil	48.50	49.00	82.50	83.00
Border Cities Pref. Bonus			40.00	42.00
Brooks Steam Motors	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.00
Can. Machinery Pref.	12.00	15.00	17.00	22.00
Can. Machinery Com.	6.00	9.00	5.00	6.50
Can. Westinghouse	151.00	155.00	175.00	185.00
Cockshutt Plow Pref.	52.00	57.00	73.50	75.00
Collingwood Ship Com. (old)	60.00		25.00	25.00 (new)
Cosgraves Breweries	4.00	5.00	6.50	7.50
Dom. Linens Pref.	25.00	30.00	13.00	17.00
Dom. Manufacturers Pref.	58.00	65.00	69.00	70.00
Dom. Manufacturers Com.	6.00	9.00	5.00	7.00
Dom. Power Com.	35.00	38.00	36.00	38.50
Dom. Power Pref.	91.00	94.00	98.50	100.00
Dom. Sewer Pipe Com.	40.00	50.00	50.00	60.00
Dom. Sugar Pref.	82.00	88.00	92.00	98.00
Dom. Sugar Com.	7.00	10.00	17.00	22.00
Dunlop Tire Pref.	72.50	76.00	85.00	88.00
Durant of Canada	4.00	5.00	2.00	3.00
English Electric Com.	13.50	15.50	15.00	17.00
English Electric Pref.	58.50	63.00	72.00	74.00
Famous Players Pref.	82.00	84.00		Listed
Famous Players Com.	11.00	13.00		Listed
Farmers Dairy (old)	118.00			
Farmers Dairy Pref. (new)			99.50	
Farmers Dairy Com. (new)			54.00	
Goodyear Tire Com.	55.00	60.00	80.00	85.00
Goodyear Tire 6% Pref.	92.00	95.00	92.00	94.00
Greening Wire Pref.	95.00	97.00	92.00	95.00
Gurnos Pref. (old)	35.00	40.00	27.00	30.00
Imperial Tobacco Com.	6.00	7.00	6.00	7.00
Imperial Oil	37.75	38.00	37.75	38.25
Inter. Petroleum	24.75	25.00	32.50	33.00
King Edward Hotel A.	75.00	78.00	71.50	
King Edward Hotel B.	55.50	58.50	61.00	
Loblaw Common	55.50	58.00		Listed
Loews Toronto Pref.	84.50	87.50		Listed
Loews Toronto Com.	31.00	33.50		Listed
Massey Harris (old)	64.25	65.50		
Massey Harris Pref. (new)				Listed
Massey Harris Com. (new)				Listed
Mount Royal Hotel Pref.	46.00	50.00	52.00	56.00
Mount Royal Hotel Com.	6.00	7.00	5.50	6.75
Nat. Grocers 1st Pref.		100.00	96.00	98.00
Neilson Wm. Com.	108.00		125.00	
Neilson Wm. Pref.	99.00	103.00	110.00	
Northern Can. Power Com.	45.00	50.00	45.00	50.00
Nor. Mex. Power & Develop. Com.	48.00	50.00		Listed
Nor. Mex. Power & Develop. Pref.	88.00	90.00		Listed
Page Hersey Pref.	100.00			Listed
Page Hersey Com.	100.00			Listed
Simpson Pref.	99.50	101.00	100.00	102.00
Toronto Brick Pref.	85.00		85.00	90.00
Toronto Brick Com.	15.00	25.00	15.00	20.00
Toronto Carpet Com.		120.00		120.00
Toronto Carpet Pref.	95.00	100.00	96.00	
Willards Choc. Pref.	68.00	71.00	69.00	71.00

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Little Lessons in Finance

Culled by the Financial Editor from the World's Great Writers

Sixteenth Lesson (From the Maxims of Napoleon)—"To live quietly, to enjoy the love of one's family surroundings—that, my dear fellow, if one had four thousand or five thousand francs a year, would be the wise thing to do. One should also be between the ages of 25 and 40, when one's imagination has calmed down, and is no longer troublesome. I embrace you, and recommend to you moderation in everything—in everything, do you understand?—if you wish to live happily." Letter to his brother Joseph, July 3, 1792—Levy, Vol. I, p. 63.

"My extreme youth when I took command of the army of Italy rendered it necessary that I should evince great reserve of manners and the utmost severity of morals. This was indispensable to enable me to sustain authority over men so greatly my superiors in age and experience.... My supremacy could be retained only by proving myself a better man than any other man in the army. Had I yielded to human weaknesses I should have lost my power." Abbott, p. 35.

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WALL STREET ICONOCLAST AND GEORGE GRAHAM RICE

The operations of George Graham Rice in promoting the sale of the stocks of Idaho Copper Corporation, Colombia Emerald Development Corporation and General Mines Corporation on the Boston Curb-Exchange have been characterized by the use of a tipster sheet, the Wall Street Iconoclast, by the use of lengthy telegrams and batteries of telephone salesmen calling long distance to various parts of the country urging the public to purchase the Iconoclast sponsored stock at their rapidly increasing prices, says a recent bulletin of the Boston Better Business Bureau.

The Wall Street Iconoclast went out weekly by first class mail carrying 6c postage to a list estimated at over 500,000. Telephone salesmen and one hundred and more word telegrams supplemented the tipster sheet in inducing the public to buy for dollars stocks purchased by Iconoclast interests for cents. The rapidly increasing prices with predictions of still higher prices have presented an alluring argument for the promoters.

Rice is a past performer in the tipster game. He has already been convicted of several crimes and served several prison sentences. One such conviction of local interest is the case of B. F. Shettels & Co., which maintained Boston and Providence offices and made a specialty of dealing in mining and oil stocks. This concern was in business 19 months during which time its dealings were placed as high as $5,000,000 with monthly expenses of $200,000 and profits to Rice estimated by Federal authorities, according to newspaper articles published at that time, at over $2,000,000. Tipster sheets were used in these various promotions. Stocks were boosted from a few cents to dollars a share.

Prior to his present activities in connection with the Wall Street Iconoclast, Rice was associated with another tipster sheet, "Facts and Fakes of Wall Street." During this period, the sale of Fortuna Consolidated Mining Company stock was promoted. In January, 1926, Rice and six others were indicted on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud in connection with the sale of this stock. This case has not yet gone to trial.

In the past, Rice had the assistance of W. L. Jarvis, former president of the Boston Curb Exchange, who acted as broker and highly recommended the Iconoclast sponsored stocks in his own literature. The alliance between Jarvis and Rice was broken some time ago and it is understood that a member of the Board of Governors of the Curb Exchange has recently acted as a broker for Rice or the Iconoclast.

IDAHO COPPER CORPORATION LOSES LIBEL SUIT

The $500,000 libel suit of the Idaho Copper Corporation against Stewart Campbell, State Mine Inspector of Idaho, for statements made by him in writing about the Idaho Copper Corporation, has been recently decided in favr of Mr. Campbell. The defenses of privilege and mitigation were waived and the case was defended solely on the basis of truth of the statements made. Campbell introduced no evidence in defense but relied upon facts secured on cross examination of witnesses for the Idaho Copper Corporation.

According to a news article, Nash Rockwood, counsel for Idaho Copper Corporation, in his closing arguments said to the Jury: "All we want is a vindication at your hands from that foul charge that we are swindlers." Rockwood stated an appeal would be taken to the United States District Court of Appeals.

In April of 1925, Stewart Campbell advised the Boston Curb Exchange in part that:

"The statements and recommendations concerning the stock and mine of Idaho Copper Corporation are so grossly misleading and extravagant that they are discrediting the good name of the State. Idaho regrets that your exchange is being used as a medium in foisting the stock upon the public and we trust that in behalf of the Boston Curb Exchange that the stock of the company should be barred from the curb."

In addition to the above statements, the Idaho Copper Corporation introduced in evidence an alleged letter of Mr. Campbell to an inquiring investor which contained the statement: "What difference does it make where the property is located if the whole proposition is a swindle?"

In October, 1925, Mr. Campbell visited the property and later released a statement that the mine workings were all inaccessible, the short shafts and tunnels being entirely caved in and the timbering in the main shaft in such a bad state that it could not be entered, and that there were neither buildings, head, frame, nor mining equipment at the shaft. Mr. Campbell pointed out that the stock of the company was listed on the Boston Curb Exchange December 1, 1924, and since that date no mine operations had started, and that at the time of his visit only six men were being employed, and these on a construction of a bunk and work house, yet on September 24, 1925, the stock sold as high as $4.87½ per share, 90,000 shares being traded in on the Boston Curb Exchange on that date.

The price fluctuations of this stock have been spectacular, rising from 45c in July 1925 to $6.25 in April of 1926 with $2½ bid and $3 asked on December 7th. Volumes of sales have been enormous, representing over two thirds of all the shares sold on the Boston Curb Exchange on certain days.

On February 3, 1926, proceedings were begun by the Attorney General of the State of New York against the practice of George Graham Rice under the Martin Fraud Act. The State of New York charged that Rice and an alleged associate, Miss Rose McKernan, with the aid of the Wall Street Iconoclast, have manipulated the market so as to create fictitious prices for Idaho Copper Corporation on the Boston Curb Market. It is alleged in the complaint that Rice and his associates obtained an option for the purchase of more than 1,200,000 shares of Idaho Copper Corporation stock at from 10c to 30c a share and then employed brokers to buy and sell these shares at a price fixed by Rice and his associates.

The predictions of future prices of $10 to $20 for the stock have failed to materialize. In September of 1925, when the stock was selling at $3 5/8, the Wall Street Iconoclast quoted W. L. Jarvis, former president of the Boston Curb Exchange, as follows:

"The rise now in progress has all the earmarks of a sustained advance to levels heretofore predicted for the stock, $10 to $20 a share, and some of the largest profits ever taken out of a stock market will undoubtedly be taken out of Idaho Copper by those who buy now."

In the March 18th, 1926, issue of the Iconoclast, the headlines read:

"Idaho Copper $4—Going to 12¾?
Sound Basis For Forecast as Revealed By Plans For Consolidation.
Quick Rise to 12¾ Ahead?"

Jarvis made practically the same recommendation in his own circulars in March of 1926 when the stock was selling at $4 3/16, but two months later advised the sale of the stock at $3½.

A few months later, the shares of a new company called Idaho Copper Co., were offered in exchange for shares of Idaho Copper Corporation at the rate of 1¾ shares of Idaho Copper Company for 1 share of Idaho Copper Corporation. Holders of Idaho Copper Corporation stock were also urged to exercise their rights to purchase additional stock in Idaho Copper Co. at $1 a share.

The price of the stock of Idaho Copper Company under Wall Street Iconoclast sponsorship has suffered severe fluctuations. On June 2, 1926, the stock sold on the Boston Curb Exchange at $1¼. The price on September 14, 1926, was $3½ and on December 7th, was quoted at 1 7/16 to 1½. Equally alluring have been the predictions in the Iconoclast. Headlines in the September 9, 1926, issue read:

"Idaho Copper Strong at $3 5/16 Headed For $10. Big Move in Stock Begun."

Scattered throughout the sheet are the following statements:

"The Iconoclast, in May, forecast $5 a share for Idaho Copper before the end of 1926 . . . ."

"The chances at this writing appear to be fully 50 to 1 that this market will prove to be ultra conservative."

Rice then went on to advise that when the $5 point was reached there was every reason to forecast that this gain would be almost a guarantee of an advance early in 1927 to $10.

GENERAL MINES CORPORATION PROMOTION

Over a year ago, The Wall Street Iconoclast, began recommending a so-called "Mystery Stock" on which, according to the Wall Street Iconoclast, net profits of $8.80 had been figured, assuming continuation of ore to a depth of 300 feet with $35.00 as the indicated possibility per share.

On December 9th, 1925, the public was advised that the name of the stock was, "General Mines Corporation," listed on the Boston Curb Exchange.

The ups and downs of the stock have been spectacular as indicated from the following prices on the Boston Curb.

June 18, 1926	65c high
July 17, 1926	$1 1/16 high
Aug. 18, 1926	$2 high
Sept. 3, 1926	$2½ high
Nov. 29, 1926	$1 5/16 high

Rice's Wall Street Iconoclast of September 2nd put out headlines for his "booster" story on this stock as follows:

"General Mines a 'Hot Stock' Now at $2.43½"—"Eminent Authority Says The Stock is potentially a $15 to $20 Issue"—"Indicated Annual Net Earnings 60c soon, $1.75 in 1927, and $3 a share later."

The September 9th issue stated:

"General Mines Now 2.56¼ is moving up fast."—"Opened at 75c, Value now $5, $10 by 1927, based on Indicated Earnings."

Two weeks later, on September 23, 1926, after the price had broken from $2.56¼ to $1.50, the Iconoclast stated:

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COLOMBIA EMERALD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROMOTION

Colombia Emerald Development Corporation is the most recent of the Wall Street Iconoclast-sponsored stocks listed on the Boston Curb Exchange. 1,000,000 shares par value $5 are listed on the Curb. On February 15, 1926, 100,000 shares were optioned at $1.00. This option agreement was completed July 26, 1926.

Wall Street Iconoclast publicity urging the purchase of this stock on the Boston Curb Exchange has been highly spectacular. The March 4, 1926, issue carries this quotation:

"The emeralds produced are all consistently good quality. In fact, emeralds of high quality are at present and in

RICE'S ACTIVITIES IN CANADA

Saturday Night has given a great deal of publicity for more than a decade to the stock-selling operations of George Graham Rice, alias Simon Jacob Herzig, ex-convict, now under indictment. His operations have been continent-wide, and have embraced Canada as well as the United States. The facts as they existed from time to time have been published in our columns but Rice is an active gentleman and he is always breaking out at new points. A recent resume of his activities was given in a Boston Better Business Bureau bulletin of December 9th, and it covers very fully developments up to that date. The Wall Street Iconoclast, Rice's tipster sheet, has found its way into a great many Canadian homes, and requests for information concerning it come into this office every day in spite of the attention given it in the past. It is to be hoped that the very full account given here under the headings, "Wall Street Iconoclast and George Graham Rice," "Idaho Copper Corporation Loses Libel Suit," "General Mines Corporation Promotion" and "Colombia Emerald Development Corporation Promotion" will be studied carefully by many Canadians who have not received this publication as well as by those who have. There are many other tipster sheets aping the methods and attempting to achieve the same success as the Wall Street Iconoclast. If you once understand the methods of these high pressure operators, you are armed not only against George Graham Rice but against any other cheerful gentleman who tries to diddle you out of your hard-earned money by dangling the hopes of easy money by quick turn-overs.

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The new year is, of all periods, one of the most opportune times for carefully examining any investments already held.

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Canadian Bond Sales, 1926

A. E. Ames & Co. Ltd., have just completed their bond sales summary for the year ending December 31st, 1926. This shows the total of all issues reported to date, their distribution as to Government, Municipal, Corporation and Railway securities and the distribution as to the territory in which the bonds were sold. The United States took more than half the total sold. Monthly comparisons are also given for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 as well as the totals for the three years.

Sold in	Government	Municipal	Corporation	Railroad	Total
Canada	77,852,267	49,864,172	141,083,000	1,000,000	269,799,439
U. S. A.	107,808,000	19,231,257	126,822,500	33,500,000	287,361,757
Gr. Brit.			10,180,000		10,180,000
Totals	185,660,267	69,095,429	278,085,500	34,500,000	567,341,196

	1924	1925	1926
January	86,537,117	48,024,799	33,344,703
February	14,157,899	75,315,651	121,688,799
March	13,396,900	19,120,023	27,408,744
April	27,688,750	52,614,815	69,168,663
May	14,322,529	17,069,884	38,152,128
June	34,297,895	30,086,713	49,425,825
July	52,682,043	6,260,000	59,692,964
August	51,131,456	75,114,668	13,894,036
Sept.	214,447,678	106,510,902	59,401,377
Oct.	28,811,252	11,875,901	68,916,541
Nov.	25,581,754	21,141,176	17,870,090
December	46,376,134	34,208,758	8,377,326
	609,430,407	496,443,290	567,341,196*

*This total includes $8,751,267 Treasury Bills.

modern times produced only in Colombia in commercial quantities—at the Somondoco and Muzo Mines."

The Muzo Mines are the Colombian Government operated mines whose production includes first quality and second quality emeralds. According to the records at the Department of Public Utilities, production of the Somondoco Mines by Colombia Emerald Development Corp. for the first year and a half up to May 8, 1926, included no emeralds of either first or second quality.

Price fluctuations have been spectacular. Introduced on the Boston Curb Exchange in early March at $1½ the stock rose to $3¼ during the same month in spite of the production record. The stock broke from 3½ on April 20, 1926, to $1 on July 11, 1926, later beginning another move from $1 a share to $17 5/8 a share within a period of 14 weeks. On December 7, 1926, the stock was quoted at from $10 to $10½.

Wall Street Iconoclast publicity has reeked with predictions of future prices. The September 9, 1926, issue represented the stock as "Potentially a $50 stock." On this date the price was $17 5/8. The sheet also carried the further statement:

"Colombia Emerald Development Corporation shares, which have become the marvel of the world's stock market, are entering upon their fourteenth week of uninterrupted rise from $1.00 a share towards the goal of $50 and upwards set by Lewisohns as reasonable speculative value later on."

Two weeks later, on September 23, 1926, after the stock had dropped from $17 5/8 to $11½, practically the same predictions were repeated. In this issue, Rice endeavored to explain the reason for the decline in all of the Iconoclast-sponsored stocks, among them being the stock of Colombia Emerald Development Corp. He included in this explanation the prediction "the rise in the Iconoclast's chosen four will be resumed, and again these stocks will advance to levels that will make former highs look low—very low."

This promotion is under investigation by the Attorney General of the State of New York acting under the Martin Fraud Act. In June of 1926, Edward J. McNamara, President of Colombia Emerald Development Corp., was directed to answer questions regarding the activities of George Graham Rice in the sale of this stock. McNamara contended the Martin Act was unconstitutional. The case was argued before Justice Donohue who just recently rendered a decision upholding the constitutionality of the Act.

OAK OILS, LTD., SUPPOSES

O. H., Calgary, Alberta. The pamphlet put out by Oak Oils, Limited, states that it is a Dominion Incorporation, and that its authorized capital is $400,000 divided into 400,000 shares of $1 per share value. The President and Managing Director is Norman J. Duckworth, and the Secretary-Treasurer is Samuel J. Dymond of Calgary. So far as the prospectus shows it, the Directors of the Company are well-regarded residents of Calgary. The holdings of Oak Oils, Limited, are in Montana, 40 acres, 100 acres in Turner Valley, 40 acres in Moose Mountain, 20 acres in Morley district, 80 acres in Wainwright Field, and 40 acres in the Ribstone-Blackfoot Anticline, Sask. The Company states that these leases have been specially selected in order that as the fields become more developed the Company will have holdings in the various districts, the intention being to follow production and operate in the proven field. Its special object at the present time is stated to be to acquire production in the Kevin-Sunburst district of the Montana Oilfield. It states that the Queen City Oil Company operating in the same field, organized almost exclusively by well-known residents of Regina, Saskatchewan, paid 95% cash dividends in twenty months from the time it was formed, together with a 100% stock bonus. Its last achievement "as per report of May, 1926, was the bringing in of a 5,000 barrel well—one of the biggest in the field." Other successful companies mentioned in this literature are the Rose Oil Company, formed by residents of Calgary, and the Rice Oil Company, known at first as the Essex Oil Company.

The expectations of Oak Oil Company as shown in their estimates are rather naive. They say, *"Suppose* from the proceeds of the first issue of stock the Company drills five wells to a depth of 1,500 feet at a cost of $10 each, and each well produces 200 barrels a day; and we sell the oil for as low as a dollar a barrel. This represents a revenue of $1,000 a day, or $365,000 a year—equivalent to an investment of $4,562,500 at 8% per annum." This, they estimate, would be $305,000 to be divided among shareholders, or a dividend of a little over 176% if not more than 173,000 shares were issued altogether. Then they "suppose" what would happen if they drilled one well to a depth of 4,000 feet at a cost of from $100,000 to $150,000 and they get a 500-barrel well.

They also suppose about what would happen in the Wainwright Field if they drilled five wells to a depth of 2,275 feet at a cost of $28,000 each, and each well produced 200 barrels a day, for which they got $1.00 a barrel, thus giving them a dividend of 86%.

It is only the inexperienced man with regard to oil who would be taken in by this. There are no actual misstatements that I know of, but everything is done to create the impression that success is certain, whereas betting on a horserace is almost a certainty as compared with this sort of gamble.

McINTYRE AND NORANDA

J. R., Wolfville, N. S. Noranda is not yet on a producing basis despite the fact that the shares have advanced to above $23 each from the high point of a month ago. The company is capitalized at 2,000,000 shares, of which a small fraction remain in the treasury. Possibly these may be offered for sale at a not far distant date. The company is borrowing $3,000,000 with which to carry on its construction campaign. The valuation of upwards of $40,000,000 which the public is now placing on Noranda is based upon the condition of the mine and the outlook for profits. The smelter now in course of erection is expected to be finished about the end of 1927. The plant will handle about 1,000 tons of ore daily. The indications are that this plant might be sufficient to show profits of around 10 per cent. annually on stock selling at around $34 to $35. However, while this is the indication, it behooves speculators to exercise a reasonable amount of caution to tide them over possible "hard places". Noranda management is first class and the directors are men of excellent reputation. McIntyre-Porcupine is capitalized at only 800,000 shares of the par value of $5 each. The company is paying 20 per cent. regular dividend annually, giving a return of over 4 per cent. at the time of writing. Net earnings are at a rate of over double this amount, however, and this indicates much larger dividends at such time as the present expansion campaign can be completed. McIntyre is to complete an entirely new shaft to a depth of 4,000 feet within the next two or three months. Prospects are favorable for important additions to the milling plant to commence before the end of 1927. McIntyre-Porcupine and Noranda are among the more attractive mining issues. McIntyre is carrying a surplus equal to about 80 per cent. of its issued capital.

How Albertans Are Being Bilked

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through the Edmonton "Journal", on October 9th, 1926. The picture illustrating the plant is an even greater masterpiece—to be handed out to readers of a reputable newspaper.

Probably Premier King and his cabinet will now have a clearer idea why itinerant promoters have been so anxious to secure Dominion chartered companies. Compare this procedure with the Alberta government.

By way of illustration it might be mentioned, that out of the thirty applications granted by the Alberta Public Utility Board in 1926, for the selling of stock in oil companies and other concerns, only one has yet reached the minimum set by the Commissioners. Others have been obliged to hand back the money. Scores of others went to Ottawa for a charter—and this avoided the danger of being forced to hand back any money to deluded shareholders.

It is time Ottawa did some serious thinking.

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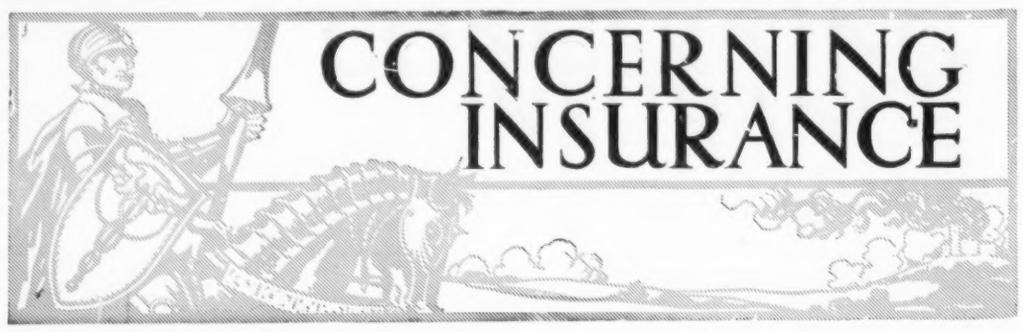

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Auto Finance Companies Against Accessories Cover

AT THE annual meeting of the National Association of Finance Companies a number of resolutions of interest to insurance carriers were adopted. One recommends that insurance companies discontinue cover on accessories other than standard equipment. The finance men believe that insurance on accessories contributes to excessive losses for the carriers and thus increases premium rates and adds to the tendency of insurance companies to withdraw finance accounts.

Another resolution urged Congress to amend the national motor vehicle theft act so as to bring embezzlement and conversion of motor vehicles within the scope of the act and subject such embezzlers to punishment commensurate with the crime.

It was also resolved that Congress should change the act to provide that the removal from one State to another of a car in the rightful possession of one person, but belonging to another, without securing the written consent of the latter, be regarded as prima facie evidence of intent to embezzle. This resolution was adopted because of continued occurrence of thefts and embezzlements on the part of persons who lawfully took a car from one state to another but after entering the other state assumed possession of the car. Under present wording of the act such cases do not come within the scope of the federal government, the law only covering the actual transportation of the stolen car from one state to another. Also, due to the great loss from the illegal conversion of automobiles sold on the installment plan, a resolution was adopted advocating the enactment of uniform state laws defining what constitutes conversion and making conversion a felony instead of a misdemeanor.

Why Income Instead of Lump Sum Insurance

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G. C., Hartford, Conn.: Some months ago the Dominion Department of Insurance, Ottawa, called attention to the fact that a number of outside companies licensed in Canada were issuing through their head offices or branches outside of Canada policies on risks situated in Canada which in some cases insured against risks not covered by the company's Canadian license; and also that risks originally offered to the Canadian management

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and rejected were later written through brokerage offices outside of Canada and on forms prescribed for use outside of Canada, some of which cases were not reported to the Canadian chief agent. With respect to these practices the Department pointed out that:

"1. Any insurance company licensed by this Department to transact business in Canada which issues through a broker or otherwise a policy on risks situated in Canada and covering hazards against which the company is not licensed in Canada to insure, violates the law and renders itself liable to the penalty prescribed by Section 46 of the Act.

"2. Where a company issues through an office outside of Canada or otherwise a policy on a Canadian risk and covering hazards against which it is licensed to insure in Canada, the policy should conform with the statutory conditions of the province in which the risk is situated. Furthermore, such business must be reported to the Canadian Chief Agent, included in his record of business in Canada and incorporated in all returns required to be made to this Department."

A. L., Vali-Rita, Ont.: Continental Casualty Company, with head office at Hammond, Indiana, and Canadian head office at Toronto, was incorporated in 1897, and has been operating in Canada under Dominion license since November, 1917. It has a deposit with the Dominion Government of $333,898 for the protection of Canadian policyholders, and is authorized to transact in this country accident, automobile (excluding insurance against loss or damage by fire) plate glass, and sickness insurance. It is not a society, but is a stock insurance company. It is not managed by the Government, but like other licensed companies, it is under the supervision of the Dominion Government Insurance Department. Its total assets in Canada at the end of 1925 were $432,541.02, while its total liabilities in this country were $270,500.02, showing a surplus here of $162,041.02. It is in a sound financial position and safe to insure with.

J. H., Amherstburg, Ont.: Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Co., Ltd., of Zurich, Switzerland, with Canadian head office at Toronto, is an old-established company. It was incorporated in 1872 and has been doing business in Canada under Dominion license since 1923. It has a deposit with the Dominion Government of $143,875 for the protection of Canadian policyholders, and is authorized to transact in this country accident, automobile, burglary, plate glass, sickness and steam boiler insurance. Its total assets in Canada at the end of 1925 were $535,653.10, while its total liabilities in this country were $276,034.00, showing a surplus here of $259,619.10. It is in a sound financial position and safe to insure with.

G. F., London, Ont.: It is not likely that any system of contingent commissions for fire insurance agents will be acceptable to them which does not give them with certainty at least as much as they are now making, with the chance to make more if they have good luck. This means, of course, a considerable increase in the acquisition cost of the business to the companies. A commission rate of 20 per cent. flat, with an extra 5 per cent. or 10 per cent. contingent commission upon the profits of the business of an agency is a basis of remuneration which has found favor among some. To make agents interested in results and to enable those agents who are careful as to inspection and supervision to receive more money than those who are careless or indifferent, the contingent or profit-sharing commission basis has undoubted advantages. But unless the particular scheme proposed meant a reduction instead of an increase in present acquisition costs, it would not find favor with either the companies or the public. In fact, acquisition costs are now altogether too high, and will have to be brought down if further Governmental interference with the fire insurance business is to be avoided.

E. B., Lucknow, Ont. Following are the names of companies, with location of chief office in Canada, writing the class of automobile coverage you have reference to. These companies are all safe to insure with. We do not discriminate between companies that are safe. Any company advertising in SATURDAY NIGHT is safe to do business with, as we do not accept advertising from companies that are not safe. Aetna Ins. Co., Toronto; Alliance Assurance Co., Montreal; American Automobile Ins. Co., Toronto; American Central Ins. Co., Winnipeg; Autocar Fire & Acc. Ins. Co., Montreal; Boston Ins. Co., Winnipeg; British America Ass. Co., Toronto; British General Ass. Co., Montreal; British Law Ins. Co., Montreal; British Oak Ins. Co., Montreal; British Traders Ins. Co., Toronto; Canada Acc. & Fire Ass. Co., Montreal; Canada Security Ass. Co., Toronto; Canadian Fire Ins. Co., Winnipeg; Canadian Surety Co., Toronto; Car & General Ins. Corp'n, Montreal; Casualty Co. of Canada, Toronto; Central Ins. Co., Montreal; Century Ins. Co., Vancouver; China Fire Ins. Co., Toronto; Commercial Union Ass. Co., Montreal; Cornhill Ins. Co., Montreal; Dominion Fire Ins. Co., Toronto; Dominion Gresham Guar. & Casualty Co., Montreal; Dominion of Canada Guar. & Acc. Ins. Co., Toronto; Employers Liability Ass. Corp'n, Toronto; Fidelity Ins. Co., Toronto; Fire Ass'n of Philadelphia, Montreal; General Acc. Ass. Co. of Canada, Toronto; General Acc. Fire & Life Ass. Corp'n, Toronto; Glens Falls Ins. Co., Toronto; Globe Indemnity Co. of Canada, Montreal; Guardian Ins. Co. of Canada, Montreal; Halifax Fire Ins. Co., Halifax; Imperial Insurance Office, Toronto; Law Union & Rock Ins. Co., Toronto; Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co., Montreal; London & Lancashire Guar. & Acc. Co. of Canada, Toronto; London & Lancashire Guar. & Acc. Co. of Canada, Toronto; London & Lancashire Ins. Co., Toronto; London & Provincial Marine and General Ins. Co., Montreal; London & Scottish Ass. Corp'n, Montreal; London Assurance, Montreal; London-Canada Ins. Co., Toronto; London Guar. & Acc. Co., Toronto; Maine Ins. Co., Toronto; Merchants Casualty Ins. Co., Waterloo; Merchants Marine Ins. Co., Montreal; Motor Union Ins. Co., Toronto; Mount Royal Ass. Co., Montreal; National Union Fire Ins. Co., Toronto; Niagara Fire Ins. Co., Montreal; North American Acc. Ins. Co., Montreal; North British & Mercantile Ins. Co., Montreal; Northern Assurance Co., Montreal; Northwestern National Ins. Co., Toronto; Norwich Union Fire Ins. Society, Toronto; Occidental Fire Ins. Co., Montreal; Ocean Acc. & Guar. Corp'n, Toronto; Pacific Coast Fire Ins. Co., Vancouver; Palatine Ins. Co., Montreal; Phoenix Assurance Co., Montreal; Providence Washington Ins. Co., Montreal; Queen Ins. Co., Provincial Ins. Co., Montreal; Queensland Ins. Co., Montreal; Railway Passengers Ass. Co., Toronto, Royal Exchange Assurance, Montreal; Royal Ins. C., Montreal; St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., Winnipeg; Scottish Metropolitan Ass. Co., Montreal; Scottish Union & National Ins. Co., Montreal; Sun Ins. Office, Toronto; Union Ass. Society, Montreal; Union Ins. Society of Canton, Toronto; United British Ins. Co., Toronto; Western Assurance Co., Toronto; World Fire & Marine Ins. Co., Toronto; World Marine & General Ins. Co., Montreal; Yorkshire Ins. Co., Montreal; Zurich General Acc. & Liability Ins. Co., Toronto.

P. C., Richmond, Que.: Queensland Insurance Co., Ltd., with head office at Sydney, Australia, and Canadian head office at Montreal, was established in 1886, and has been doing business in Canada under Dominion license since May, 1918. It has a deposit of $365,425 with the Dominion Government for the protection of Canadian policyholders, and is authorized to transact in this country fire, accident, automobile, burglary, limited explosion, sickness, sprinkler leakage and tornado insurance. Its total assets in Canada at the end of 1925 were $437,752.55, while its total liabilities here were $150,186.25, showing a surplus in this country of $287,566.30. It is in a sound financial position and safe to insure with.

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Notice to Shareholders

At a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company held on December 15th, 1926, the Shareholders authorized the conversion of the Shares of the Capital Stock of the Company of the Par Value of $25.00 each, into shares without Nominal or Par Value on the basis of four Shares without Par Value for each Par Value Share.

Share Certificates and Share Warrants for new No Par Value Shares will be issued on the above basis upon deposit for cancellation and exchange therefor of the existing Share Certificates or Share Warrants, as the case may be, for old Par Value Shares, ONLY at the Office of the Company, 13th Floor, Royal Bank Building, Toronto, Ontario.

Shareholders are requested to deposit their Share Certificates or Share Warrants, as the case may be, for the old Par Value Shares as above, as soon as possible after the First day of January and not later than the 14th day of January, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the close of business on the 14th day of January to the close of business on the 29th day of January, 1927, except for the purpose of recording the exchange of new No Par Value Shares for Old Par Value Shares so surrendered for cancellation.

Share Certificates and Share Warrants forwarded by mail for deposit will be at the owner's risk and should be registered, and Warrants should be insured. When Share Certificates and Warrants for No Par Value Shares are delivered, if mailed, they will be registered but will be at the owner's risk.

A form of direction as to the cancellation and exchange of Share Certificates and Share Warrants may be obtained from the Head Office of the Company, Royal Bank Building, Toronto, Ontario, and should be completed and delivered with the Share Certificates and Share Warrants as above.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 31st day of December, 1926, by order of the Board.

A. L. ELLSWORTH,
Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY

New York, December 29, 1926

The Board of Directors have declared a quarterly dividend of Fifty Cents (50c) a share on the Common Stock of this Company, payable February 10th, 1927, to Common stockholders of record at the close of business February 1st, 1927.

Checks will be mailed. Transfer books will not close.

OWEN SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

Dominion Textile Company
LIMITED
NOTICE OF DIVIDEND

A Dividend of One and Three-quarter per cent. (1¾%) on the Preferred stock of DOMINION TEXTILE COMPANY, Limited, has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1926, payable 15th January, 1927, to shareholders of record 31st December, 1926.

By Order of the Board.

JAS. H. WEBB,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, November 24th, 1926.

CHRISTIE, BROWN & Company, Limited
DIVIDEND No. 7

A quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. was duly declared on the Preference Stock of this Company, payable to shareholders of record at close of business January 20th, 1927.

A quarterly dividend of thirty cents (30c) was duly declared on the Common Stock of this Company, payable to shareholders of record at close of business January 20th, 1927.

Both dividends payable February 1st, 1927.

J. C. MILLAR,
Secretary.

Toronto, Ont., January 3rd, 1927.

PENMANS LIMITED
DIVIDEND NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the following dividends have been declared for the quarter ending 31st January, 1927:

On the Preferred Stock, one and one-half per cent. (1½%) on the 1st day of February to Shareholders of record of the 21st day of January, 1927.

On the Common Stock, two per cent. (2%) payable on the 15th day of February to Shareholders of record of the 5th day of February, 1927.

By Order of the Board.

G. D. ROBINSON,
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Montreal, Que., 20th Dec., 1926.

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Canadian National Railways Earnings

THE official summary of earnings and expenses issued here shows that the Canadian National Railways had during eleven months of 1926 gross earnings amounting to $242,854,988 and in the same period the working expenses totalled $201,403,360, thus leaving net earnings of $41,451,628. The gross is the largest yet recorded for a similar period during the five years which have elapsed since the amalgamation of the various units into the present system, while the net establishes a new high mark in the financial history of the railway and exceeds by $9,187,213 the total net of the twelve months of 1925.

The operating ratio of the System, that is, the relation of expenses to receipts, continues to show a downward trend. For the first eleven months of 1926 the ratio has been reduced to 82.93 per cent., as compared with 87.83 per cent. during the similar eleven month period of 1925.

Taking the eleven month period of 1926, the gross earnings have increased in comparison with the first eleven months of 1925 by 9.83 per cent., while the expenses in eleven months of 1926 increased only by 3.71 in comparison with eleven months of 1925, and the net for 1926 shows a gain over eleven months of 1925 of 54 per cent.

Construction in 1926 Exceeded That for 1925 by 25.1%

ACCORDING to MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., the estimated value of construction contracts actually started in Canada for the year just ended reached the large total of $372,947,900, an excess of 25.1 per cent. over the total of 1925, which was $297,973,000. This is the largest total for construction in Canada since 1913.

An analysis of the construction contracts awarded figures for the past year shows that in the province of Quebec the most construction was undertaken. The total for that Province was $151,933,900 or 40.7 per cent. of all construction. This compares very favorably with the total for 1925 of $124,500,100. The Province of Ontario ranks next, having accounted for 38 per cent. or $141,929,400 as compared with $121,248,100 in the previous year. The Prairie Provinces of Western Canada recorded totals in all cases well ahead of 1925 or 11 per cent. of the Dominion figures. Alberta shows an increase of 160 per cent.; Saskatchewan 189 per cent. and Manitoba 46.5 per cent. over the totals of 1925. In British Columbia where 7.3 per cent. or $27,175,800 worth of work was contracted for, an increase was shown over the 1925 figure, $21,458,300, of 26.6 per cent. Construction in the Maritime Provinces continues at a low level, only $8,412,300 worth of work having been started as compared with $8,873,700 in the previous year, being a slight decrease. The decrease occurred in Nova Scotia as New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island showed increases of 5 per cent. and 7.9 per cent. respectively.

Business Buildings for the year of 1926 predominate the other classifications, having recorded a total of $112,408,900 worth of new construction or 30.1 per cent. of all work started in Canada. The proportion for business buildings is 6 per cent. higher than for 1925. Residential work, which takes second place, accounts for 29.4 per cent. of all new work, the total being $109,562,400. While the proportion is not so great as in the previous year, a fair increase is shown in the estimated value of new residences and a large increase for apartments. The gain during the past year in industrial undertakings, which allows that classification to take care of 21.4 per cent. of all construction, was assisted materially by the expansion of the Pulp and Paper Industry in the Province of Quebec and some large developments along the same line in Ontario as well. Engineering work was not undertaken to as great an extent during the past year as in 1925 by $17,000,000 and that classification only accounts for 19.1 per cent. of all construction, having a total of $71,286,900.

So far as 1927 is concerned, the impulse gained from 1926 will carry forward numbers of contemplated projects which did not materialize before the year end. There is a hang-over of about $100,000,000 worth of work which is slated to proceed before the year advances far. Altogether the industry promises to be as active or more active than during 1926.

Forms New Brokerage House

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the formation of the stock exchange house of Haig, Keith & Company, with membership on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

David C. Haig, who was recently elected to the Exchange, has been identified with manufacturing interests in Toronto for a number of years, and has been Honorary Secretary of the new Granite Club since its inception.

William L. Keith has been associated with the Bank of Nova Scotia in Toronto for over fifteen years, and for the last twelve years has been Assistant Manager at the main office. The new firm will open offices on the second floor of the Burlington Steel Building, situated at 304 Bay Street, Toronto, and will deal in listed and unlisted stocks, Government, municipal and high-grade corporation bonds.

Loblaw Groceterias to Issue New Stock

LOBLAW Groceterias Company, Limited, will make an offering of common stock to its shareholders. The offering will consist of 15,840 new common shares at present authorized and unissued, at a price of $25 per share. Shareholders of record at the close of business December 31 will be authorized to take up the new shares in the proportion of one new for every ten held, and certificates will be issued for rights on or before Feb. 1.

The directors of the company have declared a dividend of 25c per share and a bonus of 25c per share on the common stock for the quarter ending Feb. 26, 1927, payable March 1, to stockholders of record Feb. 15, 1927. The new shares will not participate in the dividend.

W. J. CAIRNS
Appointed Manager of the Toronto Division of the Bell Telephone Company in succession to Frank Kennedy, who has become General Manager of the Canadian Rail and Harbor Terminals, Limited

New Partners in Brouse, Mitchell and Company

BROUSE, MITCHELL & COMPANY, members of the Toronto Stock Exchange announce that J. H. N. Drope and William Harnett have been admitted to general partnership as of Dec. 31. T. Ross Boys has retired as a partner.

Both Mr. Harnett and Mr. Drope have been connected with the firm for some time, Mr. Harnett for the last twelve years.

Excellent Showing by Banque Canadienne Nationale

NET profits of $860,660, comparing with $822,027 for the preceding year, are shown in the annual report of Banque Canadienne Nationale, the leading French-Canadian banking institution, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926. After the usual deductions of $550,000 for dividends, $30,000 for pension fund, $100,000 for tax provision, and $125,000 to Quebec Government, surplus for the year is shown at $55,660 as compared with $17,027. This brings surplus account up to $320,678.

A healthy improvement is revealed in the balance sheet, ratio of current to total assets being up at 48.0 per cent. from 42.1 per cent. and ratio of current assets to liabilities to public up at 52.4 per cent. from 47.0 cent. A feature of the balance sheet is an increase of almost $10,000,000 in savings deposits, which are up at $96,767,774 from $87,118,501; demand deposits are down slightly at $18,-

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Municipal Bonds

Public Utility and Industrial Financing

Foreign Issues Quoted

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THE firm of A. A. Housman-Gwathmey & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent and the business heretofore conducted under our name will be continued by E. A. PIERCE & CO.

A. A. HOUSMAN-GWATHMEY & CO.

January 1, 1927.

E. A. PIERCE & CO.
11 Wall Street New York

WE announce the formation of a co-partnership under the firm name of E. A. PIERCE & CO. to continue the business heretofore conducted by A. A. Housman-Gwathmey & Co.

THE personnel of this co-partnership is identical with that of the predecessor firm save that Harold A. Sands retires as a partner; Sidney J. White and J. C. Cuppia, members of the New York Cotton Exchange, are admitted as partners; and Frederick Housman becomes a special partner.

ALL offices maintained by A. A. Housman-Gwathmey & Co. will be continued by E. A. Pierce & Co.

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J. H. Goadby Mills
M. Eyre Pinckard
Simon J. Shlenker
Arthur L. Kerrigan
Latham R. Reed
Robert Cassels
A. B. Gwathmey Jr.
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75,000 Shares Capital Stock
(No Par Value)

Toronto Brewing & Malting Company
Limited

This offering of Stock is part of an issue of 120,000 shares; 45,000 shares have already been used in part payment for property and equipment.

This sale of Capital Shares of Toronto Brewing & Malting Company, Limited, is made in order to provide funds to be used in connection with the acquisition of property; rehabilitation of premises; purchase of equipment, and for working capital. The company has acquired the land and buildings on the north-west corner of Simcoe and Dundas Streets, in the City of Toronto, and a block on St. Patrick Street, which partly adjoins the Simcoe Street property.

ASSETS—On completion of this financing the company will have unencumbered assets, appraised at approximately $1,450,000.

FRANCHISES—The Toronto Brewing & Malting Company, Limited, holds from the Government of the Dominion of Canada licenses for the operation of a brewery and for the operation of a malting plant. These licenses are very valuable. It is unlikely, with the policy of Government Control actually in effect, that the issuance of further licenses for breweries in Ontario will be considered.

CAPITALIZATION—The company has an authorized capital of 200,000 shares of no par value stock. Of this capital 120,000 shares are being presently issued and the balance of 80,000 shares will remain in the treasury of the company for future developments.

PROFITS—Profits of the company are estimated by Mr. Duncan McLaren to be approximately $300,000 per annum after providing for depreciation, or $2.50 per share of stock issued.

DIRECTORS—Duncan McLaren ..... President Union Lumber Company.
J. J. Doran ..... President Soo Falls Brewery. Director Sudbury Brewery.
W. A. Mackenzie ..... President W. A. Mackenzie & Co. Limited.
Hon. Gideon Robertson ..... Senator.

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128,992 from $18,881,700, and circulation down at $11,218,414 from $12,541,594.

Among current assets, Dominion notes are up at $8,604,090 from $7,607,618; government securities down at $20,801,641 from $21,490,640; municipal securities up at $11,437,106 from $7,354,583; other securities up at $1,435,580 from $959,810; loans to municipalities up at $6,797,199 from $1,561,503. These heavy increases in current assets find their reflection in declines in volume of loans, call loans in Canada being down at $5,891,555 from $7,245,824, and current loans in Canada down at $55,963,648 from $58,316,131.

Mexican Companies Announce Executive Changes

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Miller Lash, K.C., for many years Vice-President and legal adviser of the Mexican Light and Power Company, Limited, and the Mexico Tramways Company, has been elected Chairman of the boards of both companies as their chief executive officer.

G. R. G. Conway of Mexico City, the Managing Director of the companies, continue in such capacity, and has also been elected President of both companies, in charge of operations in Mexico.

E. R. Peacock, who has acted as Chairman of the Board of both companies for some years past, retires from such position owing to his time becoming more and more occupied in other spheres. Mr. Peacock will retain his seats on the boards, and will also continue as Chairman of the Bondholders' Committee.

R. C. Brown, who has been for a long period President of these companies, has resigned this office at his own request, but has agreed to remain a Vice-President and in a consulting capacity.

Smaller Profits for Mortgage Discount

NET profits of $68,035, after deducting all expenses, are reported by Mortgage Discount, Limited, for the year ending November 30, 1926. This figure compares with $88,801 for the preceding year. To the net profits for the year just closed was added the balance forward of $101,065, making a total available for distribution of $169,100. The sum of $61,448 was paid in dividends, $6,049 provided for taxes and the balance of $101,603 carried into the new year. Total assets were valued at $1,811,746. Cash on hand amounted to $40,642, mortgages and loans to $1,018,312 and real estate of $45,433. On the liability side current liabilities are shown at $90,758, capital at $1,518,540 and surplus of $1-9,820.

In his remarks to shareholders President Frank Carrel says that there was very little activity in real estate during the year and at the present time there is an abnormal number of vacant houses. Many mortgagors were compelled to abandon their properties, which made it necessary for Mortgage Discount to use exceptional judgment and caution in selecting investments.

Big Stock Bonus by Industrial Alcohol

DIRECTORS of the Canadian Industrial Alcohol Company, Limited, have declared a stock bonus of 20 per cent. in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 32 cents per share, both payable January 15, to shareholders of record on Dec. 31. The new stock will rank for dividends as from the first quarter of 1927. It was stated that no fractional certificates will be issued.

The Value of Foxes

THE expansion of the fox farming began about 1910 when the knowledge spread that some fortunate individuals had been making handsome profits from the sale of pelts. Then followed a period of speculation caused by the demand for foundation stock during which time the scramble "became a veritable craze." The cost of a pair of foxes rose steadily from $3,000 a pair in 1910 to $20,000 a pair in 1913, and during the hey-day of the boom as high as $35,000 was paid for exceptional specimens. The Department of Agriculture bookle', the authority for the foregoing figures, states "The European war brought an end to speculative fox-trading, and a highly speculative venture was changed into a legitimate industry. So far as the fox industry on this continent is concerned, the day of speculation is apparently over, and live foxes are sold for what their pelts would bring or a little more, because breeders recognize that every pair of foxes sold means a competitor."

As a result the market value of a pair of live foxes now averages in the neighborhood of $500.

The extent of the industry will be realized when it is stated that during the season, now at a close, the Canadian National Express alone handled from Prince Edward Island, and other points in Canada, to purchasers in the Dominion, the United States and Europe, more than 4,000 live animals. The largest single shipment was one of 855 foxes from the Island to purchasers in the western United States. At the port of entry, Detroit, that particular shipment was valued at approximately $250,000 and duty was collected to the extent of almost $30,000.

One other large and costly shipment was one of 200 foxes from the Island to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, at Toronto, these animals possessing an especial value in the eyes of their owners, being the choice specimens of their ranches sent to the exhibition for competitive purposes.

Since the inception of this branch of industry in Canada, the Canadian National Express states that it has safely transported over 50,000 animals. These have been taken care of in express cars, and are usually conveyed by fast passenger trains. When shipments are large, the shipper usually sends a special representative to travel with his animals, but for smaller shipments the express messenger looks after his delicate charges, attending to their feeding and watering in which considerable caution must be exercised. The fox is of a highly nervous temperament and in travelling especially excitable specimens may suffer from acute indigestion as a result of their strange experience.

The question of diet is indeed an important one and from a volume in the fox library, the following advice is culled:

"The majority of ranchers feed twice a day, morning and evening, changing the food daily. The foxes' breakfast may consist of beef, evening meal of biscuits or home-made Johnny cake. The next day, cooked cereal; evening meal, hearts. Next day, tripe; evening meal a little bit of liver; and if fresh fish is procurable, two or three feeds a week are very much relished. All kinds of fresh meat is fed to foxes; but it must be from healthy animals. Beef, calves, horsemeat, beef and lamb hearts and liver, constitute the meat diet; fresh fish, home-made or manufactured biscuits, eggs, milk, low grade whole wheat flour, oatmeal, rice, broken soda biscuits, and vegetables are desirable at all times. Fruit is always enjoyed, especially strawberries, apples and raisins, and where these things are plentiful, an occasional feed is to be recommended."

H. C. HATCH

Who has been elected President of the newly incorporated Hiram Walker's, Limited, which will own the entire capital stock (other than director's qualifying shares) of Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited, the big distillery at Walkerville, opposite Detroit. Mr. Hatch is, of course, also President of Gooderham & Worts, Limited. Hiram Walker's, Limited, has insured the life of its President for $1,000,000 in the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada. The purchase of the Walker Distillery by the syndicate headed by Mr. Hatch brings control of the Walker business from the United States to Canada, as the direction and control of the new company will be entirely Canadian. Two of the directors of the new company are also directors of Gooderham & Worts, Limited, but it is stated that the deal involves no merger or connection with any other distillery.

S. W. Straus Thrift Society Bonuses

EMPLOYEES who have been with S. W. Straus & Co. for ten years will to-day receive thrift society bonuses amounting to approximately 400 per cent. of the money saved by them during the decade.

According to the provisions of the thrift society which was formed in 1916, employees may deposit with the company amounts equal to 5 per cent. of their salaries provided these deposits do not exceed $250 a year. For each dollar saved by an employee, the company has deposited a similar amount or more. It is provided also that no division of the funds can be made until an employee has been a depositor for ten years. Persons leaving the service of the company can withdraw all their deposits with interest, but the amounts deposited for them by the company remain in the treasury of the thrift society for the benefit of the remaining depositors. Employees who deposited $250 a year for ten years will now receive checks for a little more than $10,000 each.

The usual bonuses under the provisions of the S. W. Straus & Co. welfare and profit sharing plans were paid at the end of the year.

The city of Edmonton has been officially licensed as an Air Port, and has the first municipal airdrome in Canada. A Custom's air port has also been established.

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They are never issued to more than 60% of this Company's own appraisal of the value of the property securing the issue. In several stances where buildings have been sold, subsequent to issuance of bonds, the bond issue sponsored by us has been less than 50% of the price paid for the property. There is no better security for money than a completely safeguarded First Mortgage Bond upon a selected property so conservatively appraised.

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WE BEG to announce that as of December 31st, 1926, Mr. T. Ross Boys has retired as a partner of this firm, and that as of January 1st, 1927, Mr. J. H. N. Drope and Mr. William Harnett have been admitted as general partners.

Brouse, Mitchell & Co.
227 Bay Street Toronto

The composition of the firm will now stand as follows:

GEO. G. MITCHELL,
E. GORDON WILLS,
J. H. N. DROPE,
WILLIAM HARNETT.

January 3rd, 1927.

New Issue

$500,000

The Clarendon Apartments Limited

7% First Mortgage (Closed) 20-Year Sinking Fund Bonds

Dated December 15th, 1926. Maturing December 15th, 1946.

Principal and semi-annual interest, June 15th and December 15th, payable at the Standard Bank of Canada, Toronto, or at its Branch Office in St. Catharines, Ontario. Coupon Bonds, denominations $1,000, $500, $100, with privilege of registration as to principal only. Redeemable in whole or in part at the Company's option on any interest date on 30 days' notice, at 105 and accrued interest to December 15th, 1934; at 102 and accrued interest thereafter to December 15th, 1941, and 101 and accrued interest thereafter to maturity.

Trustee: The Royal Trust Company, Toronto.

Legal Opinion: Tilley, Johnston, Thomson & Parmenter, Toronto.

CAPITALIZATION

	Authorized	To be issued
7% First Mortgage Bonds, due 1946 (this issue)	$500,000	$500,000
Common Stock (No par value)	5000 shares	5000 shares

For information regarding these Bonds we refer to the within letter from Mr. H. Falk, President of the Company, from which we summarize:—

"The Clarendon", when completed, will be the most modern and luxurious apartment in the City of Toronto. Due to its exclusive location and the refinement of its appointments, it will fulfill the existent demand of Toronto's most desirable patronage.

PROPERTY: The property consists of a parcel of land situate on the north-west corner of Avenue Road and Clarendon Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, which has a frontage of about 135 feet on Avenue Road and about 195 feet on Clarendon Avenue. On this site there is being erected what architecturally will be the most beautiful and modern apartment building in the city. It will contain approximately 44 suites of apartments having a total of about 200 rooms. Six and seven room suites will contain three bathrooms; five room suites will contain two bathrooms. Extra quarters for servants will be provided in a portion of the building especially set aside for them. Rooms will be amply proportioned, living rooms will be approximately 15 by 30 feet. In addition to the self-contained apartments the public rooms will consist of a large reception room, entrance hall, ballroom, billiard room and gymnasium.

A delightfully appointed restaurant and dining room will be built and operated for the extra service and convenience of tenants. It will also be available for dinner and supper parties for tenants wishing to entertain on a large scale.

A squash court and tennis court will be placed upon the property. Beneath the structure will be a garage of sufficient dimensions to accommodate cars for all tenants. In short, no other apartment in the City of Toronto can at present compete with this property in the amplitude of its accommodation, its ultra-modern appointments and super-conveniences.

VALUATION: An independent appraisal of the land, building and equipment when completed, as given by Mr. W. N. Lonsdale, is $845,500. This issue of First Mortgage Bonds represents less than 60% of this valuation. Copy of the appraisal may be seen at the office of the underwriters.

SECURITY: These Bonds are secured in the opinion of counsel by a first fixed charge upon the land, buildings, fixtures and equipment and by a floating charge on all other assets of the Company.

The very considerable equity in the property representing the balance of the amount needed to finish the building and equip it completely ready for occupancy has been furnished by Mr. H. Falk, President of the Company.

SINKING FUND: Under the terms of the Mortgage Deed of Trust, the Company covenants to pay to the Trustee, commencing December 15th, 1929, and annually thereafter, a sum of $12,500 during the life of the Bonds. Twenty-year endowment life insurance policies in an amount of $200,000 have been placed on the lives of the President and Secretary of the Company. These policies are endorsed in favor of the Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders. In the event of death of either or both officials before the policies mature, the proceeds of the insurance shall be used to retire Bonds immediately. From the above-mentioned annual payment of $12,500 the premiums of the insurance policies shall be paid and the balance shall be used by the Trustee to redeem Bonds. This Sinking Fund will have the effect of retiring approximately $400,000 of this issue at maturity.

INSURANCE: Fire insurance to an amount of not less than the principal amount of Bonds outstanding at any one time shall be carried in favor of the Trustee for Bondholders.

RENTALS AND EARNINGS: Based upon experience in operating high grade properties of a similar character in other cities, the gross earnings should be $91,320—operating expenses, including taxes, are estimated at $17,400, leaving a net revenue of $73,920. Bond interest therefore should be earned twice over, thereby leaving an ample margin for Sinking Fund requirements and insurance premiums.

SPECIAL TRUST DEED PROVISION: The Trust Deed provides that payments will be made monthly in advance to the Trustee sufficient to meet all taxes, interest, sinking fund and insurance requirements.

We offer these bonds for delivery if, as and when issued and received by us and subject to approval of our counsel of all proceedings, at:

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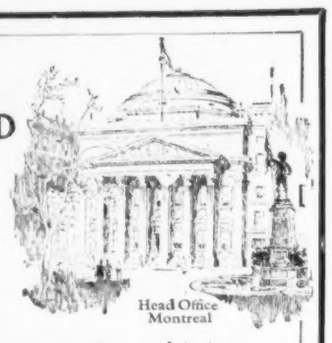

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General Manager: J. H. PIGEON.

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Bank of Toronto's Profits Highest in History

NET profits of $1,108,692, the highest in the historyof the bank and comparing with $1,012,964 for the preceding year, are shown in the annual report of the Bank of Toronto for the year ending November 30, 1926. The report reveals that the bank has fully maintained its traditionally strong liquid position. Total assets are shown at $115,754,886, an increase of $4,787,968.

Interest bearing deposits are up $5,571,198, while the total deposits have increased $3,880,472, standing at $88,439,254. This account and that of current loans afford a true reflection of the trend of general business, and in the case of this bank as well as of others which have thus far made public their statements the indications are eminently encouraging. In addition to the increased deposits, the bank shows a substantial expansion of current loans outstanding, this item standing at $55,218,499, as compared with $47,058,744. Call and short term loans in Canada are carried at $7,168,674, as against $6,601,261. Notes of the bank in circulation total $8,295,608 against $8,405,841. Government securities held are slightly higher at $19,599,837, while municipal, foreign and other securities are valued at $3,995,362.

With $322,079 carried forward from last year there was available for distribution a total of $1,430,772. The sum of $600,000 was paid out in dividends; $50,000 as tax on circulation, $100,000 reserve for accrued taxes, $50,000 transferred to officers' pension fund, and $150,000 written off bank premises, leaving a balance of $480,772, which is carried forward.

Better Showing by Dominion Bridge

EARNINGS equal to $6.75 per share on its capital stock, as compared with a debit for the preceding year and $4.06 per share for the year ending October 31, 1924, are revealed in the latest annual report of Dominion Bridge Company, Ltd., covering the twelve months to October 31, 1926. Operating profits for the year amounted to $572,750, as compared with $82,076 in the preceding year. Deduction of depreciation at $133,679 left net profits at $439,071. Dividends amounted to $260,000, leaving a surplus for the year of $179,071, as compared with a loss of $313,136 in the previous year. Previous surplus was brought forward at $2,920,788, making total profit and loss balance in the current report at $3,099,859.

A further improvement of the company's strong working capital position is shown, excess of current assets over current liabilities standing at $4,080,495, as compared with $3,696,233 in the preceding report. Among the assets in the balance sheet amount due for work is shown higher by over three-quarters of a million.

Announcement of plans for the construction of a new fireproof wing of the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta, which is being erected at a cost of more than a million and a half dollars, was made recently by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The erection of the north wing is one of the two operations that will be carried on at Banff during 1927 and 1928. The other will be the construction of a duplicate wing on the south side of the main tower, which will be commenced at the close of next season.

Unlisted Securities Market for 1926

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	1925 Bid	1925 Ask	1926 Bid	1926 Ask
MORTGAGE & LOAN STOCKS				
B. C. Permanent Loan			95.00	105.00
British Mtge. & Trust			195.00	205.00
Can. Mortgage & Invest.			67.50	71.00
Chartered Trust			70.00	78.00
Commercial Finance Pref.	57.00	65.00	70.00	
Commercial Finance Com.	11.00	12.00	20.00	25.00
London L. & S. (Par $50)	43.50	47.50	44.00	50.00
Man. Finance B. Pref.	7.00	8.00	7.00	8.25
Mtge. Discount Pref.	7.15	8.00	6.75	7.25
Peoples Loan	75.50	85.00	70.00	75.00
Sterling Trust	75.00	85.00	75.00	
Toronto Finance Pref.	5.50	7.00	3.00	5.00
Trusts & Guarantee	73.50	78.00	80.00	85.00
INSURANCE STOCKS—LIFE & FIRE				
British American Assce. (old)	8.00		25.00	New
Capital Life	20.00	25.00		25.00
Can. Fire Insurance	80.00	85.00	90.00	100.00
Commercial Life	10.00			25.00
Commonwealth Life	13.00	18.00		20.00
Continental Life 20% pd.	33.00	37.00	35.00	40.00
Crown Life	120.00		127.00	
Dom. of Can. Guarantee & Accid	290.00	310.00	340.00	
Dom. Fire (old)	40.00		90.00	100.00 (new)
Excelsior Life 29% pd.	37.00	44.00	60.00	68.00
Empire Life	21.00	25.00		27.00
Great West Life	350.00	400.00	410.00	460.00
Guarantee Co. of N. A.	150.00		200.00	
Merchants Cas. fully pd.	10.00	15.00	36.00	40.50
Monarch Life	15.00	17.00	29.00	31.00
National Life	47.00	51.00	50.00	60.00
Ontario Equitable Life	25.00	28.00	24.00	27.00
Security Life 40% pd.	30.00	35.00	20.00	26.00
Sovereign Life 25% pd.	22.00	26.00	29.00	33.00
Sun Life	210.00		650.00	
Western Assurance (old)	7.00	8.00	25.00	(new)
INDUSTRIAL & PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS				
Abitibi P&P 6%, 1940	$100.00	$101.00	$104.00	$104.75
Algoma Steel 5%, 1962	29.00	30.25	28.25	28.75
Bathurst Co. 6½%, 1941		95.00	98.00	
Border Cities Hotel, 7½%	97.00	98.00	100.00	102.50
Brompton P&P 6%, 1939	97.00	99.00	105.00	
Brandram Henderson 6%, 1936	90.00		96.00	98.00
Br. Col. P&P 6%, 1950	82.00	90.00	75.50	82.00
Burns P. & Co. 6½%, 1943	102.00	103.75	102.75	103.75
Calgary Brewery 5%, 1942	82.50	85.50	86.50	88.00
Calgary Power 5%, 1940	90.00	91.50	89.25	90.50
Canada Biscuit 6½%, 1946			99.75	101.00
Canada Bread 6%, 1941	102.00		105.25	
Canada Lt. & Pr. 5%, 1949	57.00	60.00	89.50	90.75
Canada Machinery 6%, 1940	73.00	76.00	77.50	
Can. Steamship 5%, 1943	82.00	83.00	96.50	98.00
Can. Car & Foundry 6%, 1939	100.50	102.00	103.75	104.75
Can. Cons. Rubber 6%, 1946	99.75	101.00	102.00	103.00
Can. Steel Foundry 6%, 1936	102.00		103.50	105.00
Cedar Rapids 5%, 1953	99.00	100.00	100.25	101.25
Dominion Iron 5%, 1939	63.00	65.00	29.50	31.50
Dominion Iron 5%, 1929	89.00	91.00	74.00	75.00
Dom. Manuf. 6%, 1933	92.50		94.25	
Dom. Power & Trans. 5%, 1932	95.50	96.50	96.55	97.25
Dominion Textile 6%, 1949	105.00	106.50	106.50	107.50
Drummond Invest. 6½%, 1938	97.00	99.00	98.25	100.00
Dunlop Tire 6%, 1927	100.00		100.00	
East Kootenay Pr. 7%, 1942	102.00	104.50	104.00	105.50
Elect. Development 5%, 1933	99.00	100.50	100.00	101.00
Flax Spinner 7%, 1934	96.00	98.00	93.00	
Greening Wire 6½%, 1943	99.75		101.00	
Imperial Tobacco 7½%, 1971	108.00		105.00	
Inter Paper 5%, 1955	97.75	98.75	99.00	100.50
Jamaica Pub. Ser. 6½%, 1943	101.50	103.00	102.25	103.50
King Edw. Hotel 7%, 1944	94.00		92.50	
Kaministiquia Pr. 5½%, 1950	98.75	100.00	99.50	101.00
L. Superior P&P, 1941	105.00	106.50	105.50	107.50
Laurentide Pr. 5½%, 1946	101.50	103.00	101.25	102.50
Loews Toronto 6%	97.50	100.00	98.00	100.50
Massey Harris 8%, 1939	102.50		102.25	
Mattagami P&P 6%, 1937	116.00		118.00	
Mattagami P&P 7%, 1949	50.00	57.00	58.50	
Mercury Mills 6½%, 1943	97.00	100.00	100.25	101.50
Metropolitan Bldg. 7%, 1944	96.00	98.00	99.00	102.00
Mont. Pub. Ser. 5%, 1942	93.00	96.00	97.75	98.50
Mont. Tram. 5%, 1941	96.75	97.75	98.75	99.50
Mont. Tram 5%, 1955 (1928)	92.50	94.00	94.00	95.00
Niagara St. Catharines & Tor. 5%	94.00	96.50	92.50	94.50
Nor. Can. Pr. 6%, 1945	99.50	101.00	100.25	101.25
Nor. West Utilities 7%, 1935			99.00	100.50
Nova Scotia Steel 5%, 1959		67.00	55.50	59.00
Nova Scotia Steel 6% debs.	53.00	56.00	29.00	32.00
Nova Scotia Tram 5%, 1946	87.50	89.00	89.00	90.50
Ogilvie Flour 6%, 1932	105.50		102.25	103.25
Ontario P&P 6%, 1931	106.25	109.00	108.00	
Ontario Steel Prod. 6%, 1943	99.00	100.50	101.50	
Ottawa Gas 6%, 1939	102.50	103.50	102.75	104.00
Ottawa Hull Pr. 6% 1948	102.00	103.75	103.25	104.50
Ottawa L. H. & Pr. 6%, 1953	103.00		104.50	105.50
Ottawa Mont. Pr. 6½%, 1954	101.75	103.25	102.50	103.50
Ottawa Trac. 5½%, 1955	99.50	101.00	99.75	100.75
Patton Mfg. 6%, 1953			100.00	102.00
Pedlar People 8%	101.50		101.00	103.00
Price Bros., 6%, 1943	101.00	102.00	103.25	103.75
Professional Offices, 7%	100.25		99.50	102.00
Prov. L. & Pr. 5%, 1946	99.25	101.00	100.25	
Quebec Rly. 5%, 1939	93.00	94.00	98.50	101.50
Quebec Pr. 6%, 1953	102.50	103.50	106.25	
Rio. Tramway 5%, 1935	93.75	95.00	95.00	95.75
Sao Paulo Tram. 5%, 1929	95.00	96.50	97.25	98.00
St. Lawrence Sugar 6%, 1942	92.00		93.50	
St. Maurice Pr. 6½%, 1953	108.25	109.00	108.25	
St. Maurice Valley 6%, 1945	97.00	99.00	99.50	100.50
Shawinigan W. & P. 6%, 1950	104.75	106.25	106.00	
Sheldons Ltd. 6%, 1934			89.50	93.00
Simpsons Robt. 5%, 1952	93.00		94.75	
Southern Can. Pr. 5%, 1955	95.00	97.00	96.50	97.50
Spanish River P&P 6%, 1931	101.00	102.00	108.00	
Spanish River P&P 8%, 1941	107.25	108.50	106.75	108.00
Standard Clay Prod. 6%, 1912	89.50		90.00	
Toronto Carpet 6%, 1944	99.00	100.00	101.00	102.25
Toronto Suburban 4½%, 1961	50.00	55.00	42.00	50.00
Wabasso Cotton 7%, 1942	97.00	99.00	101.00	102.50
Walmsley Chas. 6%, 1943	96.00	97.50	91.25	94.50
Wayagamack P&P 6%, 1951	92.00	93.50	99.50	100.50
West Kootenay Pr. 6%, 1943	103.75	105.50	104.00	
West. Pr. of Can. 5%, 1949	94.25	95.75	95.50	97.50
Windsor Hotel 6½%, 1943	104.50		104.75	
Winnipeg Elec. Co. 6%, 1954	95.50	97.00	98.75	99.75
Winnipeg Elec. 5% 1935 (Rly.)	94.50	96.00	97.00	98.25
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C. N. R. Income 5%, 1930	54.50	57.50	70.50	71.50
C. P. R. 5%, 1934	99.25	100.00	99.50	100.15
Dom. of Can. 5½%, 1932	103.00	103.50	102.40	102.60
Dom. of Can. 5½%, 1934	103.40	104.30	103.10	103.45
Dom. of Can. 4½%, 1944	96.50	97.00	96.40	96.75
G. T. R. Dom. Gtd. 5%, 1936	106.25	108.00	107.00	107.75
Hydro Elec. Ont. Gtd. 4%, 1957	85.00	87.00	85.75	86.50
Ontario 4½%, 1944	94.50	96.00	96.10	96.60
Ontario 5%, 1948	100.50	101.75	102.10	102.50
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LONDON LETTER

I WISH that all the cavillers at the winter weather in this country could have spent December here. The sun shone most delightfully day after day, and there was a crispness in the air which made one glad to be alive. But at this season in Canada there would be ice and snow—I have heard of cold weather and snow storms already—and here we have none.

Winter Scenes

I was in Kensington Gardens yesterday watching the gulls and the ducks being fed, and the color scheme was lovely. Green grass, bare trees—except for hedges and shrubs near old Kensington Palace which were green and thick,—a blue-grey haze in the distance, Watt's "Physical Energy" standing out among the trees, while over the round pond flew the gulls screaming shrilly as they whirled and swooped towards the crumbs and scraps which kind people were throwing to them. A group of children, evidently lately come from the East as they were escorted by two Chinese *amahs*, played about with their dogs, and various rosy little persons with their Nannies, as they all call their nurses, were immensely excited over an aeroplane flying so far up that it looked like a toy, and its droning sounded a long way off.

The old red Palace looks homelike and cosy winter or summer, and if you stray off the beaten track and glance into the sunken Dutch garden you will see one of the prettiest sights of the kind, one which the Royal ladies who have lived in the Palace also enjoy.

I wonder if the princesses and their attendants walk in the Gardens after the gates are closed to the public? and if they feed the ducks and gulls like ordinary folk? Perhaps when the Queen of Spain goes home after a visit to her mother Princess Beatrice in the Palace, she has something to tell her younger children about the birds and about Peter Pan who always watches what goes on from the bank of the Serpentine and never repeats anything he hears.

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WRITING folk are for some reason the easy victims of frauds, and the prey of those clever enough to tell a convincing story of hardship and loss. Some months ago I was taken in by a shabby humble-looking little man who called with a straightforward tale of having lost his job and being promised typing to do if he could get his typewriter out of pawn. The pawn ticket seemed to my simple mind convincing proof and I fell.

Frauds on Writers

A week or so later a friend told me of a poor shabby little man who called on her and almost wept because of the death of a well known writer he had lost a good friend. On the strength of this show of feeling she also helped him. When we exchanged experiences we were sadder and wiser women but our money returned not. I had almost forgotten this sad affair when a friend whose name, as a novelist, is famous told me lately that a man had called at her house giving the name of a well known writer who asked her to do what she could for him. With much lack of originality he told the same tale that he had told me about his family affairs, his former job, etc., and she gave him some money. Now to this point the stories are alike. But a week or so later it was found that her bank had paid a large sum to a man who presented a cheque which appeared quite in order. Then she remembered that her maid had left the shabby man in the hall while her mistress was called. In that time he had slipped into the nearest room, opened a desk and extracted a paper on which, by a great piece of luck from his point of view, her name was written and made good use of the knowledge.

I must admit that the shabby dejected little person was an artist in his line. He told a simple story without enough exaggeration to put one on one's guard, and, in my case, he agreed with me sadly that it was hard to know whether a tale was true or not because one was so often deceived. How he must have laughed at us all! and how hard the way is going to be for the next person with a hard luck tale who calls upon any of us!

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THERE is a gratifying increase in the demand for the products of the Empire, and at Christmas time—which must already seem a very old story —people were asking persistently for the fruits and other supplies from British countries. Unfortunately in some cases the dealers ran the prices up and charged more for Canadian and Australian goods than they had any right to ask. However several of the newspapers promptly pointed out this greedy attempt and people are more on their guard. In this connection I should like to mention that the Haymarket Stores are leaders among those who sell the goods of the Empire, and the manager of that department is an enthusiast on the subject. This may interest Canadians coming over here who want to be sure that Canadian products are being brought to the front in the G. H. Q. of the British Empire.

Products of Empire

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ONE of the pleasant things always about the Christmas season is the revival of many favorite plays and entertainments for young people, of which "Peter Pan" is the head. No one gets tired of "Peter Pan" and a chorus of voices of fathers and mothers, uncles and aunts, declares that the owners believe in fairies. This year in addition to old friends there were new ones, for Mr. John Drinkwater achieved a pantomine which sounds rather frivolous for him.

Poets and Plays

A new play for the Christmas season not especially for the young was "Robin Hood" by Alfred Noyes, produced by the well known Anglo-Canadian actress-manager, Lena Ashwell. Mr. Noyes' beautiful poetry is too well known to require any special praise or explanation, but this is the first play he has done. On the other side of the Atlantic it has been known as "Sherwood", but this is the first time it has been seen in the author's native land.

Speaking of artistic people I must again refer to the success of Avis Phillips, the Canadian girl singer whom I have mentioned several times already. Her singing and her performance at Oxford in "Alcestis" brought praise from some of the most severe critics on the London press. Unfortunately Miss Phillips is at present laid up after an operation for appendicitis, but she is making good progress so may not be kept away indefinitely from her musical studies and public appearances.

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THE rush to the South set in some time ago, and, daily, people are leaving in search of sunshine and warmth, not to speak of the hope of profiting by the exchange. Naturally all the advertisements of pleasure resorts and of great hotels and all the stories written about the Riviera revel in blazing sunshine and blue skies. Yet one hears from one's friends a good deal about the other side of the shield. There is plenty of cold and raw weather to be met with when you go away with your boxes packed with summery garments, and as the unfortunates sit shivering they must feel that they could have had just such weather at home without paying for a long railway journey and an expensive hotel. However when the sun is shining it makes up for all.

Fallacies About Climates

A picture in "Punch" of a group huddled together under umbrellas saying "And this is Algiers!" struck a responsive chord in my own heart for I was in Algiers when there was such a storm that great palm trees were blown down, and I motored across the Atlas mountains in a fur coat which was afterwards very useful as an extra bed covering in an oasis hotel. Places, like people, suffer from labels. According to the label it always rains in London, there is always heat and dazzling sunshine in the South of France and in Northern Africa. Frenchmen are always lively, "fond of dancing and of light wines", as you remember Penelope was taught in her youth, Scotchmen are always mean and Englishmen always reserved. But I wish people who know not England could realize how unlike the labels are to both place and people. Those who know not England and the English are still treasuring old out of date ideas about the splendid Old Country and her splendid people, and the voices of those who try to picture the real people and the real country are scarcely heard by them.

Mary Macleod Moore

THE NEW RULER OF JAPAN AND HIS WIFE
Prince Hirohito photographed with the Crown Princess. The death of his father recently occurred.

Sweden's Scots Nobles

AMONG the aristocratic families of Sweden represented at the royal wedding at Stockholm recently were many that have especial interest for the English public.

The Scots, whose adventurous spirit and difficulties at home led them to volunteer for service in every army in Europe, found ample scope in Sweden's wars against her hereditary enemy, Russia. How well they served their adopted State may be judged from the number that were rewarded with titles by a grateful king.

Thus we find the names of Hamilton (Count and Baron), Douglas, Spens, Horn (all Counts), Bennet, Fleetwood (Barons), Belfrage, Murray, Stuart, Haij (Haig), and Montgomery (all "honourables"), the head of the last family being a baron.

Among famous merchant families of Gothenburg, our so-called business aristocracy, may be mentioned the families Gibson and Dickson, the head of the latter family also being a baron. We also have Keiller, Crafoord, Campbell (Colin), Barclay, Murray, Key (formerly Mackay), Cassel, Seton, Guthrie, and Halliday, while the name Colquhoun has been distorted into Galm.

Some of our Scottish families came over to Sweden as early as the fourteenth century, generally as pedlars, who, with the reputed business instinct of their race, did very well.

The greatest Scottish invasion, however, took place during the Thirty Years War, when our famous King Gustavus Adolphus could do with as many volunteers as could be mustered to fill up the gaps in his victorious legions. Enriched by the spoils gathered in war these soldiers settled down after the war in the magnificent castles which they built for themselves and which even to-day form some of the most interesting attractions for the tourist visiting Sweden.

It is worth adding, however, that it was not only for bravery and statesmanship that men were decorated in those days. Queen Christina, the only child of Gustavus Adolphus, was wont to squander titles and land on foreign adventurers who attracted her attention for the moment. Thus one of the most illustrious families hails from a specially favored French chef at her Court.

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Here and There in the Old World

From Grave to Gay
From Lively to Severe

TALKING of the Mosleys, respectively the son and heir of a baronet and the daughter of that "superior person," the late Lord Curzon of Kedleston and a beautiful American heiress from whom she has inherited a large fortune, one is almost inclined to be sorry for them now. Whatever they do seems to be held up to ridicule, but perhaps they have only themselves to blame. If the change of front from independent Conservatism to Labour was quick and sudden, their quick changes of dress and surroundings savor almost too much of the prompter and stage manager. One remembers Lady Cynthia at the big Trades Union

Millionaire Socialists

A Peeress in her own right and a barrister: Baroness Clifton.

Congress in the September of last year when she and her husband had just gone over publicly to Labour. So plainly and demurely dressed, she was to impress her brother and sister delegates when she took her seat on the platform; in fact, most self-respecting shop-girls and typists would have called her dowdy. Yet only the month before she and her husband had had one of the finest palazzos in Venice where they entertained lavishly, the smartest private gondola on the canal with two immaculate gondoliers, and a private cabana on the Lido beach to which their huge luncheon baskets brought from Venice were carried every day by staggering servants. Lady Cynthia herself, in lovely clothes and her famous pearls, was to be seen most nights dancing in the smartest cabarets and restaurants with the smartest and most pleasure-loving set in Venice and the Lido. The transformation from one to the other was almost too sudden and complete to be quite convincing. And now we have been having the same kind of thing, plus the dropping of Lady Cynthia's courtesy title, over the Smethwick bye-election, which has inspired a very clever cartoon in a London daily. In the last election, "Mrs." Mosley was begging all the women voters to call her just "Cynthia." To do him justice, Mr. Mosley is not what some reporters and journalists would call "immaculately dressed." For some time he has adopted a kind of attire which suggests a Paris artist rather than anyone closely connected with the British working-classes. The whole thing seems to give great amusement to many Londoners.

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ALTHOUGH Mr. Pablo Casals, who conducted the London Symphony Concert recently, became known to London as a conductor only last year, when he conducted that same orchestra, his reputation as a conductor in his native Spain and in France is probably equal to that he enjoys as a 'cellist, on which instrument he has few peers and no superior. The son of an organist, he might not inaptly be described as a born musician, for he was interested in the harmonies of sound before he could talk. At four he was playing the piano; at five he was singing in his father's choir and beginning to compose. A year later he commenced to study the violin, and at seven he made his debut as a composer. When, at eleven, he went to the Municipal School of Music in Barcelona, he gave up the violin for the 'cello, and played even at dances and in cafés to gain experience. His Paris debut was made at twenty-one at the famous Lamoureux concerts, which he began conducting twenty years ago. In 1899 he made his first London appearance at the Crystal Palace under the late August Manns, since when his musical life has been one long triumph all over the world. Perhaps he would regard his greatest achievement as the founding of the Symphony Concerts for Workmen in Barcelona, where, for a subscription of sixpence a month, they get six great symphony concerts and ten or twelve chamber music concerts a year.

The Great 'Cellist

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BARONESS CLIFTON, who left England recently on a visit to the United States, is one of the small number of women who are Peeresses in their own right. Like Lady Rhondda, she believes she has a just claim to be called to the House of Lords, and looks forward to the day when that will happen. She is the sixth woman of her family to inherit the title. The first was Catherine, the daughter of the first Baron Clifton. Three generations after that the title was held by Mary Countess of Arran, and at intervals after her there were two Catherines and a Theodosia. The present Baroness succeeded her father when she was only a few months old, and she was so young when King Edward was crowned that, though a miniature robe was provided for her, she did not attend the Coronation.

A Peeress and Barrister

Lady Clifton has travelled a good deal. It was on her return from a visit to China that she decided to take up journalism, with the idea that she would by that means learn something about the way the world works that would be useful to her in the business of being a Baroness. She did not attempt the more arduous work of journalism, but she showed a certain facility and lightness of touch in writing about subjects which she understood. After that she became a law student; she passed her final examinations last year, and was admitted to the Bar at the beginning of this year.

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IT IS rather amusing to find that the recent success of Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Cathleen Nesbitt as after-dinner speakers has raised a discussion as to whether women do as well on these occasions as men. There is good ground for saying that on the whole they do much better. It is quite true that women, speaking on subjects which they regard as important, are apt to be afflicted with a heavier sense of responsibility, and to take themselves more seriously than men would do; but they have a great social ease and more self-possession, and can be frivolous much more gracefully than men. The average man making an after-luncheon or after-dinner speech strives with desperate clumsiness to achieve the light touch that comes naturally to most women. He is often content with a very small and unprepared achievement, while the woman carefully conceals the premeditation that has produced her happy impromptus. Perhaps men are more successful at purely masculine gatherings than in mixed company, for they know that pretty well anything will make men laugh.

After Dinner Speakers

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SOME man has had the courage to point out that women, having been called upon to do men's jobs during the war, and having done them remarkably well, can't possibly be put back into the box again, and adds his voice to Lady Rhondda's in urging them to carry on with their business and emancipation. Also we have been assured by a doctor, though I must confess that it was a woman doctor, that we are more stalwart and live longer than men because of our sensible and hygienic modern fashions. And an American doctor, one Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, has told the world no longer to laugh even kindly at the age-old joke that woman lies about her age, for if she does so she is nothing less than a public benefactor. Saying that she is thirty when she is really forty-five means, he says, that she does everything in her power to look thirty, and "she thus sets up higher health standards for herself and those about her."

Bouquets for Women

And still another man has admitted that "though they seldom get the credit for it, women are often better than men at civilising savages." The experiences of a very white-skinned, fair-haired girl, who lives with her husband on a farm in Kenya, go perhaps towards proving this. To begin with, she made something of a reputation for herself with the aid of the smallest of medicine chests taken out with her from England, and the Masai and Kukuyu boys have now the most amazing faith in her powers of healing. After that perhaps the rest was easy. Anyhow, one day she gave the assembled "boys" a solemn lecture on the question of getting the wild honey from the trees in the woods, their method being to light a fire at the base of the tree to drive away the bees, and then climb up and get it. Terrible forest fires have been started in this way, of course, and my friend strictly forbade her farm boys ever to do it again. Two days after one of them did, and fell from the tree and broke his neck. The other boys solemnly came and congratulated her! On another occasion she was left alone for a night while her husband went to Nairobi. At about nine o'clock the most terrible shouts and screams issued from the kitchen. Lifting the trap from the dining-room, she saw two of the boys just about to set upon each other with huge knives. With stern face and voice that hid her trembling knees she calmly told them to be quiet and put their knives away, and meekly they obeyed though she was quite alone miles away from help and without a telephone.

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ALTHOUGH advertisements in the Paris papers are few, and hoardings and sandwichmen in the Paris streets are rare, the boulevards have always had a reputation for ingenious forms of advertising. The latest is a loud speaker, which, from the roof of a slowly-moving motor-car, dominates the roar of the traffic and forces you to listen to the advice of the gentleman who is calmly speaking from the inside of the vehicle. Then there is the tall patomine cat in seven-league boots, known to all children who are ever taken past a certain shoe shop near the Opera, and the real cat gravely sitting with spectacles on his nose at the door of an optician's in the Quartier Latin. The permanent artificial storm of rain in the window of the waterproof maker's is another form of amusing home-made publicity. The flashing night signs which are unhappily invading some of the most beautiful streets are less innocuous. Paris has, however, a tradition of artistic decency in such matters, and the Prefect of the Seine has just announced that he has given a fortnight's notice to the luminous advertisements visible from the Place de l'Opera and the Place de l'Etoile, and that, failing compliance, the signs will be removed by the public authority. It is hoped soon to take similar steps with regard to the Place de la Concorde.

A Spectacled Cat

Mr. Baldwin's second daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Arthur Howard.

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WEATHER permitting, there is daily in the heart of London an exhibition of flying of astounding brilliancy. Performances are given if there is a sufficient audience the whole day through, but between one and two is the most favored hour, perhaps. The price of admission is nothing, while the offer of a bun or sandwich ensures an introduction to some, at least of the fliers. Encores are allowed, indeed encouraged.

London's Super-Fliers

The flying-place is the small square enclosure of air, so to speak, between the Victoria Embankment and the London County Council pier at the north side of Blackfriars Bridge. The fliers, to give the secret away, are the pigeons and gulls which frequent this corner of the river.

Hundreds of pigeons are always close round in training, and for their benefit the watchers scatter crumbs and pieces of bread over the pavement and parapet of the Embankment. The pigeons then gather upon the stonework, like clumps of iron filings upon a magnet. A clap of the hands or other loud signal from one of the audience and with a rush the whole mass of birds takes the air.

The pigeons wheel in small circles, most often, flying at an angle to the Embankment wall and dipping into the little "harbor" at the end of the bridge so closely that their wing-feathers almost brush the surface of the water. This is the moment when the gulls, who are the super-fliers, show their wonderful paces. Numbers of them are continually wheeling over bridge and river, and they now swoop down into the harbor, bank steeply, and come out again, like jets. They flap no wing but just give a slight undulation of the tips, and swoop down and up almost in one motion.

The pigeons keep fairly compact, but the gulls, coming from the opposite direction, dive right into and turn with and through the flock. They are flying probably twice or three times as fast again as the pigeons, but they never falter or slacken but sweep through the feathered mass as if they were crossing an empty space over some moorland. And there is never a collision nor a crash!

Pollio, who values nothing that's within,
Buys books, like beavers, only for their skin.
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—*Ben Jonson to a Feeble Critic.*

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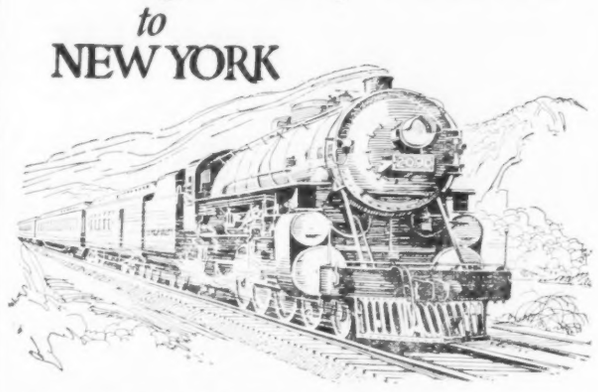

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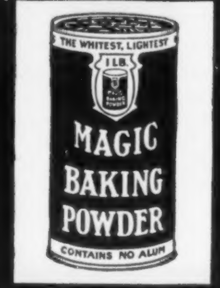

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There was almost no flu during the war. Immediately thereafter it killed millions. War compelled simple feeding on natural foods. Peace brought an orgy of feasting on meats, sugar, refined flour, part-grain cereals and other unnatural foods.

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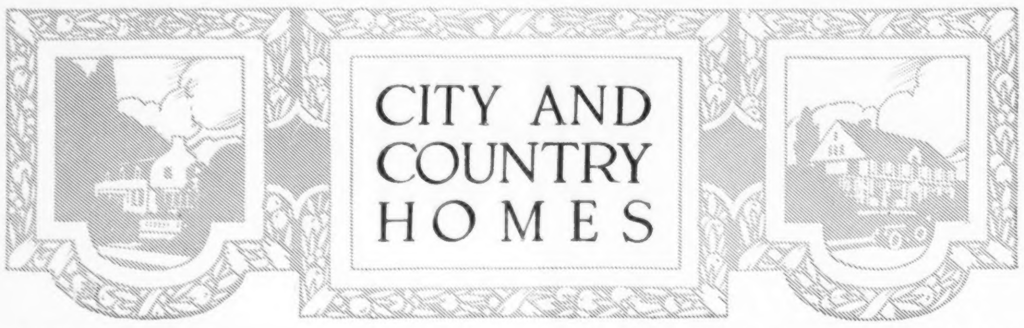


A Well Planned Bathroom

By W. S. Limbery

THE first and all important matters to deal with in the bath room are the fixtures—which are seen; and the plumbing pipes, such as water supplies, wastes and vents—which are not seen.

When building a house it is important to specify that a water service of ample size is laid in from the street to the house—certainly not less than a 1 in. pipe to supply two bath rooms and the kitchen. The branch piping to the various fixtures, such as sinks, tubs, baths, basins and toilets, should not be less than ¾ in. diameter, and no faucet less than ½ inch.

When renting a house be sure of a good water supply by turning on the bath and basin faucets and the toilet, at the same time, and if the pressure is steady and full, it will indicate that the supply pipes are of sufficient size.

It is a provoking waste of time waiting for your kitchen utensils, or the bath or basin to fill. This annoyance can be entirely done away with by installing proper size water mains. The same advice applies to the waste pipes. They should be large enough to carry off the waste water from all the fixtures quickly. The waste from the sink, tubs and bath should be 2 inch, and from the lavatory 1½ inch; these sizes will be sufficient to give quick emptying facilities.

In considering the kind of fixtures to be installed in the bathroom, it will assist you greatly if you get illustrated catalogues of plumbing fixtures issued by the manufacturers. Choose a bath of the "built-in" type; that is, one made to set on the floors without legs, and that can be built into the walls. Porcelain is too expensive for the average house, and the cast iron enamelled bath—first quality—will last a life-time.

If a shower is installed it will be necessary to provide a rubber curtain, which can be hung with rings and rod as shown in the illustration. A thermostat mixer control for the shower supply is more or less of a luxury, but will certainly obviate any chances of the water being dangerously hot.

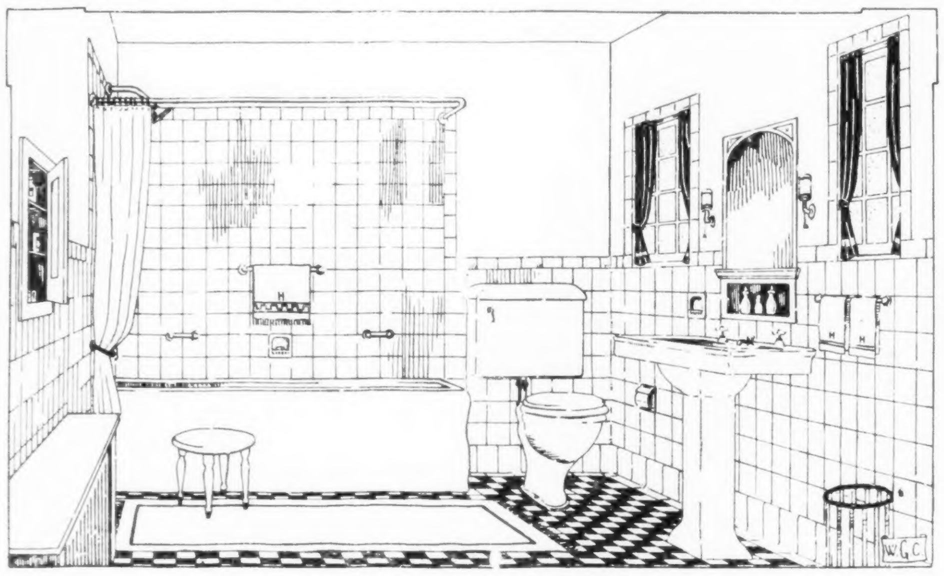
The lavatory should be of the pedestal pattern now made in so many appropriate and simple designs; and the toilet of the best glazed earthenware syphon-action, wash-down type, with an enamelled iron flushing tank, and an enamelled hardwood seat. It is always well to see the fixtures in action, that you propose buying, and then you will not be disappointed when they are installed. To change a plumbing fixture after the piping has been "roughed in" to take a particular type, is an expensive item.

The walls of the bath room should be tiled to a height of 3 ft. 6 in. and 6 ft. high around the bath; or, if this costs too much, they can be lined with oil cloth, and then painted two coats of flat paint and one coat of enamel in white, or a very pale color.

The floors can be tiled, or covered with inlaid linoleum of small black and white design. A rubber or cork bath mat will be found of great service, both for comfort and wear.

Provide a good mirror near properly located lights, and a shelf to hold toilet articles when in service. Do not put the cupboard over the basin, it generally means removing everything off the shelf when you want to open the door. Towel racks in plenty, and recessed holders for tumblers and soap, should be conveniently placed, and also a wicker hamper for soiled towels. A medicine cabinet can be conveniently placed in this room, and a small cupboard for towels.

You owe this much to yourself and to your family—to ascertain that the plumbing has been put in your house by a reliable contractor. When buying or renting a house, have a plumbing test made by the local Sanitary authorities, who will issue a certificate stating that the drains and plumbing are in good sanitary condition. Copyright 1926, MacLean Building Reports, Ltd.



A WELL PLANNED BATH ROOM.

January in the Garden

1. AFTERNOONS are beginning to be longer and the late light makes us feel the promise of spring. Red osier dogwood and its yellow variety, and other dogwoods, begin to show brilliant color in their twigs. Some of the yellow willows are also bright in the landscape.

2. It is time to order seeds of all kinds as well as trees and shrubs and vines.

3. Flats should be mended, painted, and filled with soil for seeding. Tools should be looked over and made ready.

4. Grapevines and trees may be pruned, when weather permits.

5. In the greenhouse sow snapdragons, violas, English daisy, pansy, forget-me-not, verbena, columbine, for spring bloom.

6. Sow also Shirley poppy, Hunnemannia, ageratum, clarkia, aster, annual lupine, browallia, sweet pea, balsam, calendula, candytuft in the greenhouse for spring bloom.

7. Bring in rambler roses, spireas, tulips, Canterbury-bells, and wallflowers to force for Easter.

8. Feed calla lily and *Asparagus sprengeri.*

9. Sow cucumbers, tomatoes, and melons in greenhouse.

10. Pussy willows may now be gathered in sheltered spots. Red rose hips still unhurt by frost will include *Rosa canina* and *Rosa lucida.* Japanese barberries are still good, also inkberry and black alder berries.

11. Force twigs of *Rhus canadensis* *Cornus mas,* and forsythia for house decoration. They will bloom in about a week if kept in water in a sunny window.

Quaint and Colorful China

"OH! WHAT darlings," exclaimed a woman in the china department of a well known store. She was looking at a condiment set of brilliant yellow china ducklings which, to judge by their lack of good looks, might have been closely related to the Ugly Duckling—before its transformation—immortalized in the well-known children's story.

At the moment there is a decided vogue for quaint and colorful china. The more absurd in appearance the more certain it is of success both for ornament and utilitarian purposes.

"There is a big demand for these animal condiment sets," said a salesman. "Most of them are intended for use in the nursery." Grown-ups, however, admire them as much as the younger generation! The three rabbits for instance, are for salt, mustard and pepper. On the salt container the ear of one of them acts as a handle.

For the luncheon table or older folk are salt and pepper containers in china representing squatting Chinamen. The condiments are sprinkled through their perforated hats.

"Lustre ware is as popular as ever," said the salesman, "and another best-seller is china, colored scarlet and gold which imitates Chinese lacquer. This is so brilliant that it is most effective used sparingly. Most customers like to have just one piece to give a note of color to the room."

Fruit designs predominate in dinner, tea, and coffee sets. "All these are made by different British manufacturers," said the salesman, indicating a number of services, "but each one has introduced fruit in his design."

It seems to me that a man with a college education and an artisan's income would be almost in an ideal position.—*President Coolidge.*

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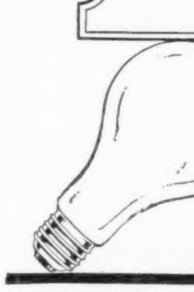
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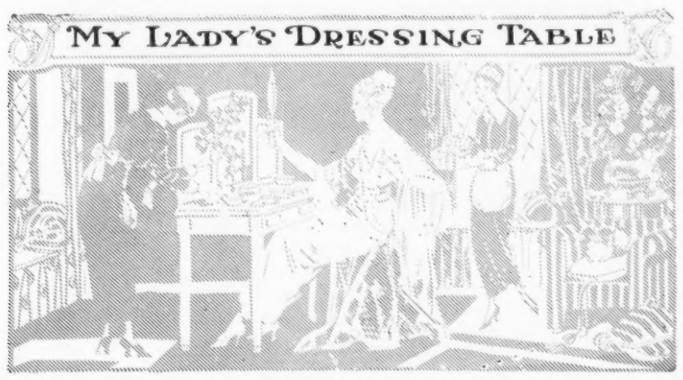
My Lady's Dressing Table



IN THE good old days of crinoline and ringlets, milady always indulged in a nice little diary at this time of the year and on the first day of January inscribed a few resolutions, which announced her ideals in deportment and conduct. I once possessed such a diary which belonged to an English grandmother:—and a very depressing affair it was. The poor dear girl was so anxious to do all that was right and becoming that she was in continual distress lest she was failing miserably in her aims, while the modern reader thanked a kindly fate that she had not inherited her grandmother's over-sensitive conscience. However, even in these days, we occasionally pause long enough to consider what is best to be done and even wonder whether it would be well to budget our time.

A girl in green remarked the other day: "Well, I've begun the New Year with two resolutions:—to lose twenty-five pounds and to improve the condition of my hair. On January first I renounce cake, candies and pastry. I also intend to devote a quarter-of-an-hour every night to massage of the scalp and the application of a good hair tonic. If I have lost a few pounds by the end of the month and if my hair looks less drab and dull than it does now, I'll know that there is some virtue in resolutions."

"The trouble is not with the resolution," said a young matron with radiant complexion. "It is keeping the resolution which is the difficulty. I make up my mind every once in a while to do without sweets and starches and weigh a little less. However, just as I've mentally drawn up a list of rules, I go out to a little luncheon on a big tea and am confronted with the loveliest cakes with pink frosting or desserts foaming with whipped cream. Then there are ever so many bonbons which just long to be eaten:—and I go home weighing more than ever. I daresay I'll try it again, though."

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QUITE often, says an English writer, I receive letters begging me to cure all sorts of skin troubles. Now, I am not a doctor. But what I can do is advise girls how to cure or alleviate many little facial blemishes and, I sincerely hope, help them to procure for themselves a fine clear skin—provided they have no skin disease.

LATEST FROM PARIS
Lace returns to Parisiennes' favor. One of the smart creations from Nicole Groult, of Paris, in lovely shade of midnight blue.

On the other hand, I cannot take over a doctor's duties and find the cause of the trouble, which is halfway towards curing it.

I can, however, give you freely some of the hints a doctor gave to me, and I can also tell you what I have heard a great expert say.

He said, when you have a skin disease, don't be annoyed, but start by blessing it. It deserves a blessing, for it is dear Dame Nature trying to throw out a poison that, if kept in, might make you very seriously ill and might even kill you. All skin diseases are not deadly, but they are always a sign of something within which should not be there.

One of the first things you should do, if you have a rash or spots or blackheads or eczema, is to set yourself a severe examination.

Are you careful, moderate and simple in your diet? How much sugar do you eat? Do you indulge in lemons, vinegar (to keep that boyish figure), and other acids? Do you drink enough water and avoid cocktails like the plague? How much tea and coffee do you drink? Do you take any exercise, and do you ever take enough to make you perspire?

I need not give you medical reasons why you should endeavor to pass this exam, with flying colors. I can only tell you that if you want to be healthy, you will *have* to pass it!

Eat fruit, but do not eat too much even of that. If you are bothered with skin troubles, try a non-flesh diet until you are better. Keep to milk, eggs, cheese, fish, fruit and vegetables cooked in the casserole. Avoid pork, bacon, pastry, sugar in all forms, lemons, vinegar, sweet wines, and too much tea and coffee.

A diet specialist told me that a luncheon of bread and cheese and salad is the finest middle-day meal any woman can have. For dinner or supper, fish and vegetables, and perhaps a little fruit. If you want the sugary taste, dates and figs are permissible.

This diet, carefully followed, should greatly relieve skin troubles; but there is another side to acidity.

What about your thoughts? Are they just a little acid? Do you try to avoid or to encourage irritability? Are you just a little fond of grousing? Thoughts, you know, can be very, very acid. Irritability is a thing we all have to struggle against, and we must not forget that even although the lack of harmonious thoughts may not have been the exact cause of our trouble, they will most certainly go a good way towards relieving it.

Correspondence

Nora. Now that the Christmas rush is over, we are all beginning to consider how we feel and where we are. It is important, in these winter days, to "take stock" of strength and energy and to preserve whatever good looks we possess. Most of us may have a qualm as we regard our reflection in the mirror on the morning of December twenty-sixth. All those parcels, with their pretty bright ribbons and their Christmas seals, left the senders feeling rather "done-out" and in need of a rest or change. So, it is well for you to put in force, at once, your resolution to have an hour's rest—a complete relaxation—every afternoon. Then you can give your countenance a course of treatment which will mean refreshing and rejuvenation. Apply a good cleansing cream, then a skin tonic, and, applying a little good face cream to the finger-tips, give the eyes and forehead a light but thorough massage.

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Madge. Assuredly you will be foolish to have your bonnie brown hair bobbed. If, as you say, your hair is that very rare tint, "a real chestnut," you will be extra foolish if you part with it. There are signs that the bobbing mania is on the wane and that women are beginning to consider beauty, as well as convenience. After all, you will not economize so much in time as you think by having your hair cut short—and you will lose very much in appearance, as few bobbed heads are anything but unlovely. Look at the back of the head and you behold ugly bristles, looking like a miniature hay-rick. It assuredly takes time to keep the front hair "looking decent" and, altogether, the woman with bobbed hair is not without her troubles:—and is, withal, an eyesore.

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Winter Girl. I'm sorry that I cannot share your enthusiasm over winter sports:—but I'll admit that the Minto Skating Club at Ottawa gave me more thrills than any movie. My preference is for the Sunny South:—and don't I wish that, at the present moment, I were watching purple seas breaking idly on golden sands, while monkeys were shying cocoanuts about. I have no belief in the "bracing" effect of the northern winter nor in the statement: "Yes, it's twenty below, but you never feel it." This is a delightful country for Icelanders and Finlanders, but it's too chilly for those who have ever known the joys of a winter in the South, where the dogwood blooms in March and the magnolia sheds its fragrance. Good luck!

Valerie.

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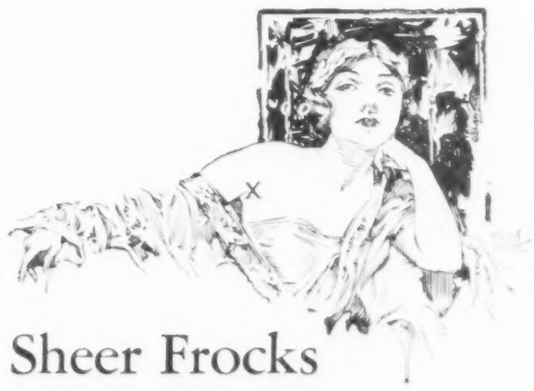

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ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement is announced of Lois Kerr, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hallman, at Montreal, to Mr. George Franklin Livingstone, son of the late George Livingstone and of Mrs. Anna Portland. The marriage to take place quietly on January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. McCulloch, of Bobbie-Norman, Galt, Ontario, announce the engagement of their older daughter, Mary Agnes, to Mr. John Preble Macintosh, son of the late Mrs. Macintosh and Mr. Preble Macintosh, of 59 Belvedere Road, Westmount, Quebec. The marriage will take place early in April.

MARRIED

JACKSON—TERRYBERRY—Thursday evening, December 30th, at Howard Park United Church, by Rev. A. L. Terryberry, assisted by Revs. W. E. Baker and Dr. F. L. Barber, Mary Laureen Terryberry, daughter of Rev. A. L. and Mrs. Terryberry, to Thomas Winston Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jackson, Toronto.

On Dec. 18th, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Robert Fleming, 61 Foxbar Road, Toronto, by the Rev. Stanley Greenslade, B.A., Marjorie, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Patten, Little Current, Ont., to C. R. Young, D.S.O., M.C., M.B., also of Little Current, and formerly of Guelph, Ontario.

DEATHS

McLEOD—Suddenly, in Camden, South Carolina, on Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1926, Henry Collingwood McLeod, former General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, aged 75 years. Funeral Service and cremation Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 23rd, 1926.

His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and the Viscountess Willingdon will hold their first Drawing-Room on Saturday, February 19.

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Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hayes, of Toronto, have been spending a week in Quebec.

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The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and Mrs. Cockshutt received about fifteen hundred callers at Government House, Rosedale, Toronto, on the afternoon of New Year's day. His Honor and Mrs. Cockshutt were attended by Colonel Alexander Fraser and Captain Eric Haldenby.

MISS ANN FOSTER
Debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Foster, of Westmount, for whom her mother entertained at a dance at the Ritz-Carlton, Montreal, on Monday night of last week. Miss Foster was gowned in white panne velvet with tulle flounces and carried Pernet roses.
—Photo by Notman & Son.

Mr. Alfred O. Beardmore, of St. George Street, Toronto, entertained at a delightful dance at his residence on New Year's Eve. There were attractive floral decorations everywhere, and the buffet supper table was exquisitely done with Spring flowers. Dancing took place in the Music Room. Mr. Beardmore's guests included, Sir Edward and Lady Kemp, General F. L. Lessard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beck, Mrs. Hugh Williams-Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. C. Proctor, Colonel and Mrs. Pontet Armour, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Haas, Mrs. Raymond Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, Mr. Harris Hees, Miss Anna-Mae Hees, Mrs. Gwyn Francis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beardmore, Colonel and Mrs. Reginald Pellatt, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Christie, Major and Mrs. Stethem, Miss Persis Seagram, Mr. and Mrs. John Ince, General and Mrs. Cawthra-Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. James Forsie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming, the Misses Jean and Betty Francis, Miss Isobel Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Bruce, Miss Joskiny, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miles, Colonel and Mrs. Walker Bell, Major and Mrs. Carr-Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cowan, Colonel and Mrs. Ian Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Beardmore, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Cassels, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Plummer, Colonel and Mrs. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seitz, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyle, Mrs. Allen Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. John Coulson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nesbitt, of Upper Bay Street, Toronto, will occupy their new residence on Warren Road in February.

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Mrs. Arthur Miles, of Toronto, entertained at tea on Sunday afternoon following christening of Mr. and Mrs. August Bolte's young son, which took place at four o'clock, at St. Paul's Church, the rector, the Rev. Canon Cody, officiating. Mrs. Harold Walker was godmother and Mr. Arthur Miles and Mr. Gordon Campbell, the godfathers. Mrs. Miles received her guests at her residence and wore a very smart frock of mole colored crepe and becoming mole satin hat. Mrs. Bolte wore a pretty gown of flowered chiffon and a black hat. Mrs. John Beatty, the grandmother of the baby, was in a black satin gown. The rooms were decorated with lovely Spring flowers. The tea table, at which Mrs. Edmund Bristol and Mrs. Pipon presided, was charming with calla lilies and greenery, tall green candles and a birthday cake. Mrs. Miles' guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drynan, Mr. and Mrs. Strachan Ince, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Armour, Sir Edward and Lady Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker, Dr. Pirie and Mrs. Pirie, Miss Adele Boulton, Senator Macdonald, Dr. P. N. G. Starr, Major-General Victor Williams, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beck, Mr. C. A. Bogert, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Christie Clark, Colonel and Mrs. Albert Poupore, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carpenter, Mr. Percy Arnoldi, Miss Rosel Pipon, Mrs. Douglas Young, Mrs. W. Ince.

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General and Mrs. George Cartwright, of Toronto, spent New Year's day at Preston Springs.

Mr. Alfred Beardmore, of St. George Street, Toronto, will give a dance for the officers of the Royal Grenadiers on the night of January 21.

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The president and council of the Art Gallery of Toronto have sent out invitations to a private view of an exhibition of contemporary American paintings on Friday evening of this week, January 7, at 8.30.

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The first concert in the New Year given by the Women's Musical Club of Toronto will take place on Friday, January 14, at three o'clock, in the Margaret Eaton New Hall, McGill Street, Toronto. Joseph Szigeti, violinist, will supply the programme.

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Senator and Mrs. A. B. Copp spent Christmas in Toronto with Mrs. Copp's brother, Captain J. E. Bell.

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Mrs. Drummond Mackay, of Toronto, gave a small bridge on Thursday afternoon of last week for her sister, Mrs. A. B. Whitehead, of Quebec.

Mrs. Torrance Beardmore, of Toronto, entertained at tea on Sunday afternoon last for the officers and ex-officers of the Royal Grenadiers and their wives.

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Mr. Donald Bethune was a visitor in Toronto from Timmins last week-end, guest of Mrs. W. T. Ramsay.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alan Sullivan, formerly of Toronto, have sent out invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Kathleen, to Mr. Henry Philbrick Nelson, at St. James' church, Piccadilly, London, on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2.15. A reception will be held afterwards at the St. James' Hotel, Bury Street S.W.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fleury, of Bedford Road, Toronto, entertained at a dance on Wednesday night of last week for their daughter, Miss Elinor Fleury, at Jenkins Galleries. The attractive young debutante, who was the recipient of many lovely flowers, was exquisitely gowned in pale pink georgette with silver embroideries, and wore silver brocaded shoes with large buckles. Her bouquet was of pink roses. Mrs. Fleury was smart in a black sequinned French gown having the upper part of pink georgette. Pearls were worn for ornament. There were between four and five hundred guests present on this charming occasion, and among them were, Miss Margaret Cockshutt, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fleury, of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. George Blaikie, Miss Annette Blaikie, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ashworth, Mrs. J. W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Christie, General and Mrs. Cawthra-Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cawthra, Miss Isobel Cawthra, Mr. and Mrs. Assheton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shedden Laidlaw, Miss Elisabeth Laidlaw, Miss Lucy Ashworth, Miss Estelle Hodgins, Miss Miriam Rowley, Mrs. Sidney Green, Miss Josephine Brouse, Miss M. Watt, Brantford, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Bruce, Miss Jean Francis, Miss Betty Southam, Miss Helen Wright, Miss Mary McCulloch, Galt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Miss Katharine Scott, Miss Ethel Kirkpatrick, Miss Marjorie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jones, Miss Joyce Warden, Miss Lorna Farmer, the Misses Magrath, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Gossage, Mr. and Mrs. George Larratt Smith, Miss Isobel Ross, Miss Mary Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. B. Walsh, Miss Ruth Porter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Cassels, Miss Beatrice Scadding, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. L. McCarthy, Miss Evelyn Allen, Miss Betty Sanford Smith, Miss Helen Guthrie, Guelph, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sifton, Miss Frances Bate, the Misses Nancy and Jean McCarthy, Miss Kitty Heaton, Miss E. Burton, Miss A. Carter, Miss Lenore Gooderham, Miss Gwyneth Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Greening, Miss Freda Laidlaw, Miss M. Ridout, Miss Janie Wallbridge, Miss Persis Seagram, Miss M. Kerr, Mrs. Ivan Senkler, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Whitehead, of Quebec, Miss Louise Lockhart, Miss Eustace Smith, Miss Margaret Griffin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leighton McCarthy's dance for their debutante daughter, Miss Jean McCarthy, held at Jenkins Galleries, Toronto, on New Year's Eve was a very delightful affair. The Galleries were charming with their Christmas decorations and gay balloons and an orchestra of twelve pieces furnished music for the many dancers. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy and the debutante received, Mrs. McCarthy in a handsome gown of black moiré with deep orange touches and orange flowers on the shoulder, and Miss Jean McCarthy in delicate pink georgette, richly embroidered with diamante and crystals, silver slippers with brilliant buckles, and carrying a lovely bouquet of lily-of-the-valley sprays with pink sweet peas. The debutante's sister, Miss Brooks Gossage, was in black and ivory lace and carried roses. Miss Nancy McCarthy wore pale pink chiffon with black lace, and silver slippers. Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy's guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Strathearn Hay, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarthy, Miss Frances Bate, Dr. and Mrs. Crawford Scadding, Miss Beatrice Scadding, Mr. and Mrs. K. Langmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Strachan Ince, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hay, Miss Estelle Hodgins, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kingsmill, Miss Miriam Elmsley, the Misses Magrath, Miss Nancy Matthews, Major and Mrs. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Osler, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Campbell, Mr. Justice Masten, Miss Masten, Miss Isobel Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John McKee, Miss Helen Beatty, Miss Elsie Johnston, Miss Peggy Hearne, Mr. and Mrs. James Ince, Miss Betty Southam, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Eaton Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Adair Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn Langmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Hume Wrong, Mr. and Mrs. J. Osler, Miss Douglas Rogers, Miss Lucy Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ketchum, Miss Persis Seagram, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lockhart, Mr. and Mrs. George Larratt Smith, Miss Harriet Broughall, Miss Rosel Pipon, Miss Isobel Ross, Miss Frances Warren, Miss Joyce Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Greey, Miss Stephanie Bastedo, Miss Barbara Ryckman, the Misses Boulton, Miss Grace Edgar, Miss Margaret Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wishart, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pangman, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Farncombe, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Andrews, Miss Betty Holmes, Miss Ethel Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drope, Miss Helen Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Band, Miss Elsie Bethune, Mr. and Mrs. Brefney O'Reilly, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Jones.

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Mrs. Strathearn Hay, of Bernard Avenue, Toronto, entertained at dinner on Friday night of last week prior to Mrs. Leighton McCarthy's dance.

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Mrs. Widmer Brough, of Toronto, recently spent a few days in Deseronto with Mrs. Rathbun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Richardson returned last week to St. Davids, Philadelphia, after being visitors in Toronto, guests of Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fellowes.

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Mrs. Bertram Leslie Monkhouse, of Alvin Avenue, Toronto, entertained at tea on Friday afternoon of last week for her daughter, Miss Helen Monkhouse. A hundred guests were present. Mrs. Monkhouse wore a becoming gown of black georgette with crystals. Miss Helen Monkhouse wore a gown of pink velvet with lace and carried a nosegay of roses and violets. Mrs. W. Y. Marsh and Miss Rose Kennedy, of Stratford, poured tea and coffee. The table was effectively done with daffodils and red Christmas candles on silver candelabra. Miss Evelyn King, of Stratford, Miss Margaret Hunt, Miss Helen Webster, Miss Edith Webster, Miss Edith Northgrave, Miss Patricia Navin were assistants in the tea room and each wore the gift of the hostess, a nosegay of violets and roses.

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The conveners of the several committees appointed to perfect the arrangements for the dinner to be given by the women of Toronto in honor of Mrs. Cockshutt are, Mrs. A. M. Huestis, Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, Miss Church, Mrs. H. D. Warren, Mrs. Manning Doherty, Miss Edith Mairs.

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Mrs. Norman Allen, of Carlton Street, Toronto, entertained at a most enjoyable dance on Tuesday night of last week at Jenkins' Galleries, in honor of her daughter, Miss Cynthia Allen, and received in a becomingly smart gown of black georgette and silver lace over silver tissu, with diamonds and onyx for ornament. The debutante was in a French period gown of orchid pink velvet with silver lace and bows of petunia velvet. Her head was banded with silver and she wore pearls for ornament. Her flowers were an old-time nosegay in a silver filagree holder. Mrs. Harold M. Allen, Mrs. Norman Allen's daughter-in-law, received with her, and wore an attractive gown of delicate pink crepe under black and silver, a brilliant bandeau in her hair. The five hundred guests included, Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. John Milne, Dr. and Mrs. Adam Millar, Mrs. Herbert Macklem, Miss Jane Mason, Miss Jean McLeod, Miss Edith McCallum, Miss Madeline Mara, Miss Helen McGaw, Miss Marian Mitchell, Miss Emily Macintosh, Miss Elizabeth Macpherson, Miss Barbara Broughall, Hamilton, Miss Dorothy Jory, of St. Catharines, Miss Jean McCarthy, Miss Kathleen Innes, Hamilton, Miss Margaret Aitkin, Miss Gertrude Andrews, Miss Ethel Agar, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Beatty, Miss Laura Bethune, Miss Margaret Bain, Miss Betty Buckingham, Guelph, Miss Nora Broderick, the Misses Blackburn, Miss Stephanie Bastedo, Major and Mrs. Bennett, Miss Betty Burnham, Miss Audrey Bell, Miss Edith Cottle, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Campbell, Misses Margaret and Mary Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Catto, Miss Betty Coulthard, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cox, Miss Helen Carr, Misses Violet and Vera Pemberton, Miss Ruth Phipps, Miss Margaret Alley, Miss Ella Lumbers, Miss Katherine Anderson, Miss Betty Rous, Miss Barbara Ryckman, Miss Kaye Ritchie, Miss Douglas Rogers, Miss Gwyneth Scholfield, Miss Helen Steele, Miss Betty Southam, Misses Hilda and Margaret Seager (Kingston), Miss Betty Sandford Smith, Miss Charlotte Stapells, Miss Betty King Smith, Miss Mary Tugman, Miss Margaret Cook, Miss Katharine Dean, Miss Amy Davidge, Miss Constance Davies, Misses Margaret and Grace Despard, Miss Betty Francis, Miss Ruth Fortier, Miss Frances Gurney, Miss Helen Garrow, Miss Peggy Gunn, Miss Helen Gurney, Miss Laura Gillespie, Miss Margaret Howland, Miss Beryl Heinke Grand Rapids, Mich., Misses Dorothy and Kathleen Harding, Miss Sallie Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan McLean Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hargraft, Misses Mary and Fanny Humphrey, Miss Kathleen Irwin, Miss Hilda Jennings, Miss Franklin Jones, Misses Muriel and Doreen Jennings, Miss Marian Jardine, Miss Mary Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kelk, Miss Margaret Keith, Miss Lois Kelsey, Miss Tancy Carling-Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. George Leishman, Miss Billie Leishman, Miss Mary Lind, Misses Norah and Peggy Langley, Miss Aleda Lind.

Sir Thomas and Lady White, of Queen's Park, Toronto, spent the Christmas season at Preston Springs.

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Mrs. Melville Forrest, of Bernard Avenue, Toronto, gave a very delightful not-out dance for her daughter, Ruth, on Tuesday night of last week, and received in a smart gown of orchid georgette, pearl embroidered. Miss Ruth Forrest was in maize crepe and wore gold slippers. Mrs. Forrest's guests included, Miss Barbara Cartwright, Miss Barbara Osler, Miss Ottillie Wragge, Miss Violet Johnston, Miss Jean Parmenter, Miss Helen Holmes, Miss Jean Robertson, Miss Dorothy Burton, Miss Jean Macpherson, Miss Joyce Gurney, Miss Patricia Connell, Miss Mary Baird, Miss Dorothy May, Miss M. Rouse, Miss Anne Bastedo, Miss M. Jarvis, Miss Frances Gundy, Miss Betty Long.

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Hon. E. Burke Roche and Mrs. Burke Roche, who have been staying at the Alexandra, Queen's Park Avenue, Toronto, for several weeks, left on Saturday of last week for New York to sail on the Mediterranean trip.

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Mrs. John F. Mackay entertained at a delightful tea in Jenkins' Art Galleries, Toronto, on December 27th, in honor of her daughters-in-law, Mrs. Douglas Mackay and Mrs. Ewart Mackay. The hostess wore a charming gown of black satin, draped with lace, with touches of gold tissue and a black hat trimmed with gold. Mrs. Ewart Mackay wore a gown of red crepe and Mrs. Douglas Mackay was in brown velvet with gold lace. Mrs. N. W. Rowell, Mrs. J. E. Atkinson, Mrs. A. Gandier and Mrs. F. H. Deacon poured tea and coffee. Assisting in looking after the guests were Mrs. H. D. Patterson, Mrs. W. Walker, Mrs. A. D. Robins, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Wilfred Stovel, Mrs. Stanley Wilkins, Miss Jean Douglas, Miss Marion Doyle. The tea table was aglow with Columbia roses, pink and mauve sweet peas and tall rose-colored candles. Among those present were Lady Willison, Lady Falconer, Miss Mortimer Clark, Mrs. James Ballantyne, Mrs. Terence Sheard, Mrs. Herbert Wood, Mrs. E. A. Langmuir, Mrs. Victor Ross, Mrs. O. C. Pease, Mrs. John Kent, Mrs. Ryrie, Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Mrs. R. Y. Eaton, Dr. Margaret Patterson.

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Mrs. Gordon Mackay, of Sussex, N. B., is a visitor in Toronto, guest of Captain and Mrs. H. H. VanWort.

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The Royal Canadian Yacht Club will hold a dinner dance at the King Edward, Toronto, on Wednesday night, January 12.

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Mrs. Duncan Coulson, of Toronto, entertained at dinner on Wednesday night of last week for a number of young people who were guests at Mrs. F. L. Coulson's not-out Christmas party.

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Mrs. Beryl Heinke, of Grand Rapids, who has been a popular visitor in Toronto, was the week-end guest of Miss Peggy Gunn.

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Mrs. Sterling Dean, of Toronto, entertained at dinner on Friday night prior to Mrs. Leighton McCarthy's debutante dance for Miss Jean McCarthy.

Mrs. Paul Peters, of Toronto, entertained at dinner on the night of January 3, for Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilson and for Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins, prior to their snowball dance.

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One of the most enjoyable of the New Years Eve social events was the Annual Ball held on Friday night of last week at Hart House for the graduate members. The whole house was thrown open for the occasion and the stately halls echoed to the merriment of the New Year's Eve entertainment. Dancing took place in the gymnasium and in the East Common Room. In the gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, changing colored lights threw a magic glamor over the scene and lent a touch of faerie. A series of aquatic exhibitions in the swimming pool by Canadian champions drew a large number of spectators. Supper was served in the Great Hall and in the faculty dining-room and the common rooms on the second floor. There was a midnight revel held in the gymnasium at twelve o'clock to aid the eight hundred members and their friends in welcoming in the New Year. This was followed by a dance revue of the latest modern dances by eight professionals which was greatly enjoyed by all the assembled guests. The Patronesses of the Ball were, Lady Falconer, Mrs. G. W. Monk, Mrs. Vincent Massey and Mrs. F. C. Carter. The committee was composed of Mr. Main Johnson, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Dr. W. A. Dafoe, Dr. Frank Wood, Mr. E. P. Tilley, Mr. G. E. L'Aventure, chairman, and Mr. J. C. Thomson, secretary, in association with the Warden of Hart House, Mr. J. B. Bickersteth, the Comptroller, Mr. J. R. Gilley, and the Secretary, Mr. John Hornal.

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Mrs. T. L. Moffat and daughters, Miss Dorothea and Mrs. Howard Charlton, entertained at a charming tea on Wednesday at "The Pines," Weston. The house was artistically decorated with spring flowers and yellow roses. At the entrance to the drawing-room Mrs. Moffatt received with her daughters, wearing a French frock of American Beauty moire, and carrying an old-fashioned nosegay of orchid sweet peas and yellow roses. The tea-table was beautifully decorated with an Italian cloth of lace and blue candles in silver candelabra, and centred with blue hyacinths, lilies, yellow and pink roses. Those assisting were, Mrs. Chas. Moffat, Mrs. F. Moore, Mrs. J. Humphrey, Mrs. H. Westwood and the Misses D. Trotter, B. Wellington, D. Connell, A. Rea, M. Bunting, D. Sutherland, M. Cooper, I. Moffat, K. Meldrum and M. Sinclair.

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Mrs. W. Hamilton Burns has returned to her residence on Upper Huron Street, Toronto, after visiting Mrs. J. A. Stewart in Perth. Mrs. Stewart is also in Toronto, guest of Mrs. Graham Thompson, Prince Arthur Avenue.

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Lady Hearst, of Toronto, has been spending a few days in Parkersburg, Virginia.

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The Athletic Association of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is giving a ball in the King Edward Hotel on Monday, January 10th, under the patronage of Sir John and Lady Aird, Sir Joseph and Lady Flavelle, Sir Thomas and Lady White, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rowley and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gibson.

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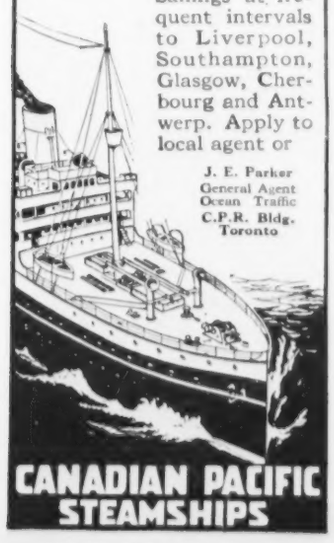

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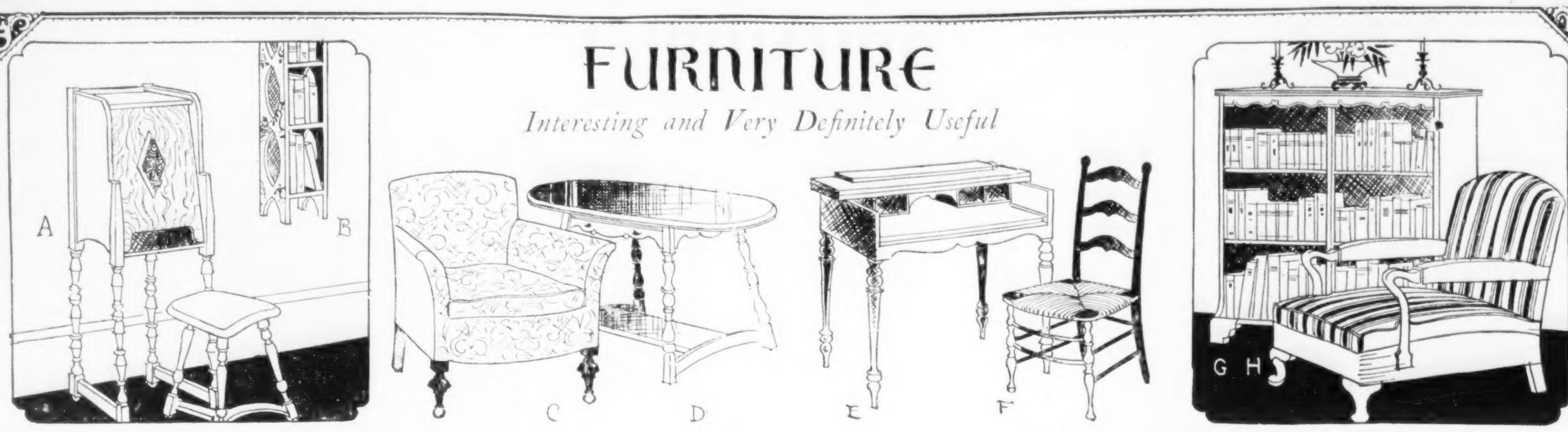

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Lady Price entertained recently at a dance at her residence, 145 Grande Allee, Quebec, when the Christmas evergreen and decorations throughout the house were used most effectively. Lady Price and her daughters, the Misses Willa and Jean Price, received their guests. These included, Captain the Hon. Francis and Mrs. Erskine, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. George Vanier, Col. and Mrs John H. Price, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Wingate McLimont, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nisbet, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ross (Rimouski), Mr. and Mrs. Andre Taschereau, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood (Montreal), Mr. and Mrs Hilary Bignell, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bignell, Mr. and Mrs. Macdermot, Major and Mrs. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Coote Shanley (River Bend), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Price (Kenogami), Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Brown, the Misses Helen Home, Juliette Taschereau, L. Hamel, Alice Sharples, Theo Hamilton, Barbara Stephens, Evelyn Johnston, Mollie Sewell, Yvette Lafferty, Helen, Millicent and Isabel Price, Doris Scott Wilson (Montreal), M. Pelletier, Marjorie and Frances Ross, Marcelle Paradis, Marjorie Barrow, Frances Preston, Muriel Gallagher, Dorothy Genereux, Ruby Green, Rosemary Burstall, Alleyn and Gabrielle Fiset, Aline Garneau, Lucie Doucet, Helen Elliot, Gloria Evans, M. Henshaw (Montreal), Dagmar and Hedda Falkenberg, Betty Price, the Messrs. Stuart and Weston Ahearn, B. Hendrieson (Montreal), Charles Genereux, Loring and Alfred Bailey, Wilfred Green, Brian and Tommy Burstall, C. and B. McDougall (Montreal), H. Gorson (Montreal), Harold Braff, Angus Graham, Carl Falkenberg, Billy Gibaut, H. McDougall (Montreal), E. Root, Fraser Cameron, Arthur Bisher, I. Breakey, Keith Blackader (Montreal), G. McGreevy, C. Pigot, J. Porteous, R. Sewell, Bryce Scott, M. Taschereau, Noel Smith, Herbert Smith (R.M.C.), Guy and Gordon Smith (R.M.C.), B. Scott, H. Turner, Billy Sharples, P. Dunn (London, England), Stuart Warrington, George Cavendish (River Bend), F. Price, Ivan MacCarthy, Archie Mitchell, George and Jean Garneau, R. Brown, E. C. and A. Cannon, George Craig, Loring and Alfred Bailey, H. Coonley (Boston) and Dun-Yarker (London, England).

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Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Snively and family, of Toronto, who went to Montreal to spend the Christmas season with Mrs. Snively's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Braithwaite, remained till after the New Year.

MRS. HUGH GUTHRIE
Wife of the Leader of the Conservative Party, and a very popular hostess at the Capital.
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Sir Thomas and Lady Tait, who have been at Tuxedo where they spent the Christmas season, returned to Montreal on New Year's day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Paradis, of Montreal, and their little girl Jacqueline, spent New Year's with the Hon. and Mrs. P. J. Paradis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burpee, of Saint John, N.B., were in Montreal to attend Mrs. C. B. Foster's dance, given for her debutante daughter, Miss Ann Foster, on Monday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Burpee were guests at the Ritz-Carlton.

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Major and Mrs. Adrian Law, of Quebec, have been recently in Ottawa, guests of Mrs. Law's parents, Mr. Justice Audette and Mrs. Audette.

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Brigadier-General C. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong of London, Ont., spent the holiday season in Montreal, General Armstrong returned to London last week and Mrs. Armstrong remained over the New Year.

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Mrs. Harry G. Budden, of Montreal, recently entertained at a not-out dance at Mrs. Hanbury A. Budden's residence on Mackay Street for her young daughter, Elizabeth.

The Honorable Edouard Ouelette, of Outremont, has announced the engagement of his daughter, Corinne, to Mr. Edmond Courchesne, of Sorel.

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The Misses Sheila and Jean MacDougall, of Montreal, spent Christmas in Ottawa with their sister, Mrs. Russell Blackburn.

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Mrs. C. B. Foster, of Montreal, entertained at dinner at the Ritz-Carlton on Monday night of last week in honor of the out-of-town guests who came for her dance given for her debutante daughter, Miss Anne Foster. The party included, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McLean of Merrickville, Ontario, Mrs. C. E. McPherson, of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burpee, of Saint John, N.B.; Mrs. John J. Bradley.

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Miss Germaine Mermod, of Lausanne, Switzerland, is the guest for the winter of the Royal Hungarian Consul-General and Madame de Haydin d'Ipolynyek in Montreal.

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Mrs. W. B. Anderson was hostess on Saturday at her residence on King Street East, Saint John, in honor of her guest, Miss Bauld of Halifax. Spring flowers adorned the centre of the tea table, over which Mrs. H. A. Campbell presided.

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Mrs. Walter King, of Ottawa, recently entertained at a dance at her residence for her daughter, Miss Frances King.

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Mrs. Hendrie Hay, of Grove Park, Montreal, entertained at a New Year's party on Friday night of last week. Mrs. Hay's guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hersey, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Murray, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jarvis, Miss Judith Skead, Mr. George McFadden, Mr. Harold Savage and Mr. W. L. Davis, of Toronto.

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Miss Madelaine Hebert, of Montreal, was in Quebec for the New Year's Eve festivities. She was the guest of Lieut.-Colonel Du Nault.

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Mr. and Mrs. Horace Perodeau and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Perodeau, of Montreal, were guests of Mrs. Frank McKenna at Spencerwood for the New Year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCuaig and Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, of Montreal, were New Year's guests at Spencerwood, Quebec.

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Mrs. J. P. Gordon left Renfrew recently for Southern France, where she will spend the winter. She sailed from New York on Saturday last in the *S.S. Adriatic.* Her sister, Miss Christina Barr, left also for Thomasville, Georgia, where she will spend the winter with friends. They will return to Renfrew in May.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Puddington, "Karsalie," Rothsay, N. B., entertained a number of friends at a dinner-dance in the Georgian ballroom of the Admiral Beatty, Saint John on Christmas night. The beautifully arranged dinner table had as principal decoration two miniature Christmas trees, each resplendent with colored lights and pretty packages containing gifts for the forty guests seated at the table. The Beatty orchestra played during the dinner many delightful numbers. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Puddington, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Royden Thomson, Mrs. R. E. Puddington, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hooper, Mrs. A. O. Cruikshank, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson Curry, Miss Hooper, Miss Anne Puddington, Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, Miss Ruth Harrison, Miss Rachel Armstrong, Miss Betty Thomson, Miss Florence Puddington, Mr. Philip Hallisay, Mr. Arnold McAlpin, Mr. Elmer Puddington, Mr. Allan Cruikshank, Mr. Fenwick Armstrong, Mr. Hugh Harrison and Mr. Chipman Schofield.

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The Mayor and Mrs. W. W. White, Sydney Street, Saint John, were hosts at a large dinner party on Christmas night, when out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macpherson, of Winnipeg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Angus, of Montreal.

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